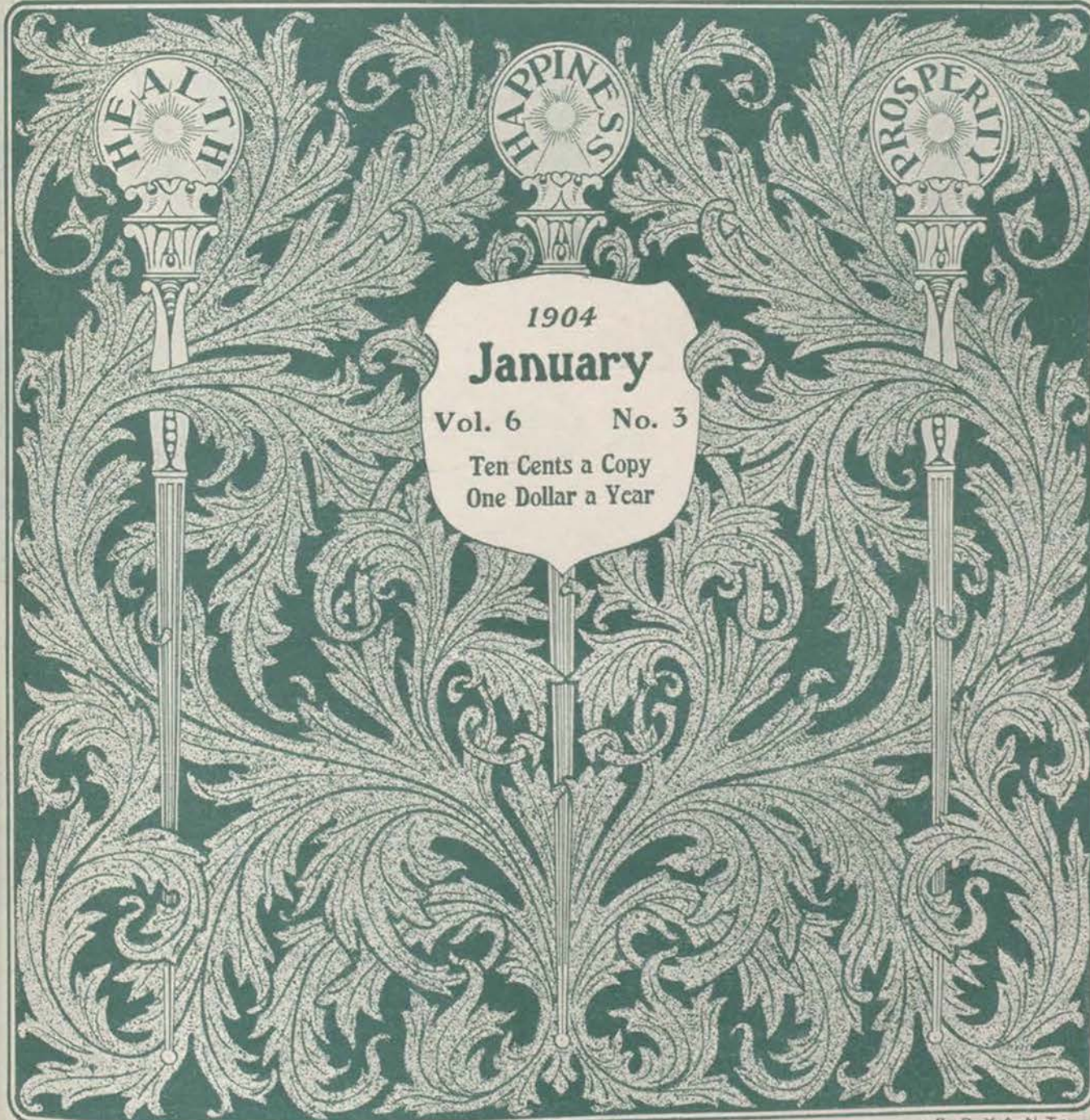


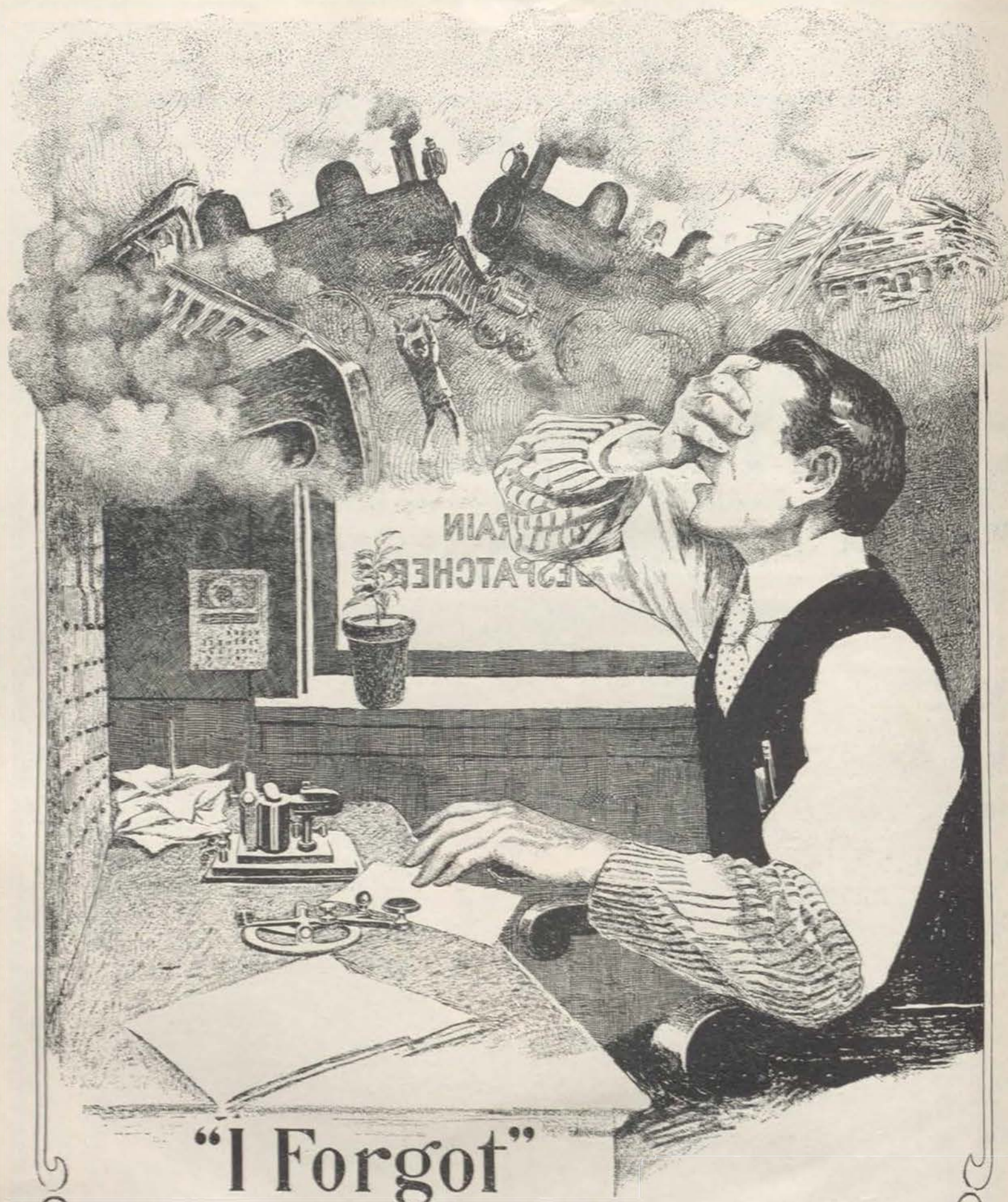
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**A NEW YEAR'S TREAT.**—We are pleased to present to our readers a series of illustrated articles prepared by Mystics Nos. 1 and 7, who have recently returned from a visit to Egypt. Valuable facts have been ascertained concerning the Pyramids, Mummies, Temples and Brotherhoods of Ancient Egypt, as well as the manners, customs and religion of the Egyptians. The first of these interesting articles appeared in the November Number.

The next article, appearing in the February issue, we promise you will be especially interesting. Each article will be illustrated with photographs taken by Mystics Nos. 1 and 7. Do not miss one of these articles, or fail to speak of them to your friends.

**O**NE of the features of transportation in Cairo is the donkey riding. Every morning by nine o'clock, at certain street corners, the donkey boys gather with their donkeys, all saddled and bridled, ready for any chance customers that may happen along.

As the regular season for tourists is in winter or spring, there was great competition over the few stray travelers like ourselves who were there during the hot days of August. After many and oft-repeated importunities from many of these thrifty and unique bread-winners, we finally chose two who could talk very good English, and who eagerly promised to take us anywhere we might desire to go, on their accomplished and faithful beasts, named respectively "Yankee Doodle" and "Prince Heinrich."

Many of our most enjoyable tours in and about Cairo were thus taken on donkey-back. The donkeys are such gentle and sturdy creatures, and of such nimble and sure footsteps, that it was a keen pleasure to settle ourselves on their safe little backs, and gaze without hindrance at the many interesting scenes through which they carried us. This seems the only way to go through the Arab quarters of the city, where in many places the streets are often so narrow that one can almost span them with outstretched arms.

A delightful side trip a few miles outside of Cairo was that to Heliopolis, the ancient City of the Sun, with its famous old temple and over 12,000 officiating priests. Heliopolis was called An by the Egyptians and On by the Hebrews, and this famous Temple of the Sun, which stood in the midst of the city, is the only Egyptian temple of which the Greek historian, Strabo, has given so accurate a description that we can identify it with the prophecy of Jeremiah, which has been literally fulfilled, and in which he says: "He shall break also the images of Beth-shemesh (the house of the sun) that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall be burn with fire" (Jer. xliii, 13).

It was here that Pythagoras, Plato and other Greek students lived while studying in Egypt. Mathematics, astronomy and many branches of science and philosophy were taught in the famous school of this grand old city. In wisdom and many of the arts the sages of Egypt excelled all others in the world. Here, also, Joseph, as secretary of Pharaoh's treasury, made out his tax lists, and during the famine distributed the much-needed grain.

The strange myth of the phoenix bird originated in this city of the sun. This bird, according to the fable, being burned, rose from its ashes, and is thus the symbol of hope that all which dies, fades or is destroyed in nature will sometime again revive to a renewed and beautiful life and bloom.

But where were once the city, the magnificent temple and the immense statues, there are now but a few massive stones or fragments, and the

one monument that remains—a stately obelisk, lifting its point skyward and facing the Pyramids away to the right on the desert—seems to mourn the time when, over four thousand years ago, it stood amid almost innumerable companions.

We ate our lunch in the shadow of this obelisk, seated on the base of the railing by which it is surrounded, with the boys and their donkeys resting at a little distance, and the gentle wind in the corn leaves around murmuring a song of the old and the new. On our return from Heliopolis, and on another road, we passed the Virgin's tree, which marks the spot where the Virgin and Child are supposed to have rested in their flight into Egypt. The present tree is a successor to the original, which died of old age in 1659, and the remains



EGYPTIAN WOMAN IN STREET COSTUME.

of which have been preserved by the old monks as a precious relic. Near the rent, broken and spreading branches of the present tree, which is inclosed by a railing, is the clear flowing spring of fresh water which, according to oldest and most reliable historical accounts, is the cause of the growing of rare and nowhere-else-to-be-found balsam shrubs which thrive here. According to an old legend, the Virgin washed the Saviour's swaddling clothes in this spring, and wherever a drop fell from them on to the soil, a balsam tree sprang up. The Arabs have named this garden containing the Virgin's tree and fountain the "Fount of the Sun."

We dismounted from our donkeys and spent some moments sitting on the branches of the tree and discussing the various legends and stories connected with it.

Another very interesting trip was that to the Island of Rôda and Old Cairo. The Island of Rôda is on an arm of the Nile. It was here, so the legend runs, that Pharaoh's daughter found Moses in the bulrushes, the exact spot of which is carefully pointed out. We took the queer-looking flat boat, with one sail, which ferried us over the Nile to the island, and where, besides the historic spot marking the finding of Moses, there is a garden filled with beautiful trees, shrubs and flowers. The intricate lanes and embowered pathways were delightfully pleasant to walk through, after so many miles of the dry and barren roadways and streets.

At the south end of the garden and island is the Nilometer (Mikyâs), Nile measurer, which was built in 716 A. D. by Omayyad Khalif Suleyman. This is a sort of well, sixteen feet in diameter, having in the centre an octagonal column on which still remain the ancient Arabic inscriptions. There are also Cufic inscriptions on the column and on marble slabs built into the walls, which refer to restorations of the Nilometer, the last of which was in 1893.

The office of measuring the water is very important, and is intrusted to a sheik, who, in the inundation season, carefully watches the rise of the Nile, so that when the water reaches a certain height, as marked by the Nilometer, he proclaims the *weja*, which is the signal for the cutting of the embankments of the irrigation canals. Then follow festivals and merry-makings of all sorts, for the Nile has at last brought on its full bosom blessings for all the land.

There are various interesting holidays in connection with the rising of the Nile, which are very similar to-day to those which were observed during the reign of the Pharaohs. As the first sign of the rise of the river occurs with regular precision every year, on that particular night, the 17th of June, occurs the Festival of the Rising. It is called the "Night of the Drop," for, according to the ancient Egyptian myth, on that night Isis drops a tear from heaven into the Nile, which causes it to rise. The old astrologers professed to calculate the precise hour when the sacred drop would fall, so the people were ready and waiting for this great occasion when they would spend the whole night on the river banks, practicing all sorts of superstitious customs. In olden times they carried and threw into the stream little images as gifts in token of their thankfulness for the blessed water which was to bring abundance and fruitfulness to the country.

They still observe many of these old customs. One of the most common is the placing of a piece of dough by each member of the family on the roof of the house; if the dough rises, happiness is in store for the person who placed it there; if it fails to rise, the future is ominous.



Processions, with boys carrying flags, bands of music and many noisy demonstrations, accompany the proclamation that the Nile has reached its height. This festival occurs between the sixth and nineteenth of August, and is very interesting indeed.

Near the north end of the island is the miracle-working tree of Saint Mandura. This is a tremendously large nebk-tree, the branches of which are almost covered with rags torn from the garments of sick patients who come for healing. The belief is that, in order to insure recovery, the invalid must tie some of the cloth which has touched the affected part to the tree as an offering to the saint, then pluck two leaves and bind them on the diseased portion of the body, which is often instantaneously healed.

Recrossing the Nile, we took donkeys for a ride in and about the streets of Old Cairo, with its shops, its old Coptic churches, convents and ruins from Ancient Egyptian, Roman and Arabic times.

Many of the Copts—the oldest present race in Egypt—live in a quarter of Old Cairo which is within the ruins of the ancient walls of the Roman castle of Babylon. To the left of the castle lies the Coptic church *El-Mo'allaka*, or, "resting upon columns." This is the oldest church in Babylon, and very interesting are the legends connected with it. The young Coptic maiden who showed us over the building could speak very good English, and apparently enjoyed pointing out to us the pictures of the saints, the crypt where the Virgin and Child dwelt for a month during their sojourn in Egypt, the ancient baptismal font, etc. "Mind yore haid," she would say, when we were about to descend some dark stairway with a threatening ceiling, and then she would go on with her interesting legends.

The Copts have a great veneration for the saints and the Virgin, and on entering the church always first pay their homage to the pictures, then kneel before the altar and kiss the hand of the priest. The service often lasts for three hours, and as there are no seats, the people stand, leaning on crutches, which they bring for the purpose. The Copts are the descendants of the Pharaohs, it is supposed, although it is only by an occasional word or sentence in the old Coptic language, which is similar or identical to those found on the inscriptions in the tombs and temples, that leads to that supposition.

It is generally believed that St. Peter first preached Christianity to the Egyptians, and that he sent St. Mark the Evangelist to found and preside over the church at Alexandria. For several hundred years this was the foremost church in energy and learning in all Christendom. The Coptic churches in Cairo are part of that ancient branch of the primitive church.

The Copts worship the Virgin Mary and the saints, in the English sense, not the Roman. They are very fond of having the lives of the saints read to them in the churches, and, as a rule, the people are all familiar with some version of the lives of the principal saints.

Our little conductress seemed a perfect storehouse of legendary lore, and when we came out of the ancient sanctuary we almost felt that we had seen and talked with St. George and Litte (Lady) Dimiana and St. Michael.

As soon as we emerged into the street crowds of little children, from three to ten, followed us, holding out their hands for *bakshish*, and pointing to the tattooed crosses on their wrists, uttered the magic word, "Christian!" as if that would entitle them to a generous donation.

Our last view was of the old church in the background and the line of children running after our

donkeys, as we cantered back to the train station.

Among the objects that excite continual pity are the Egyptian women of all classes, but especially of those in the lower ranks. We print a picture of one of the better middle class, but even she has few privileges and still fewer opportunities for enjoying the larger side of life. Married often at the age of ten or twelve, deprived of her individuality, she is not only expected to be as obedient as a slave, but may at any time, whether in a few days, weeks, months or years, be divorced by her husband, without even an explanation of the why of his action, and returned to her father, providing the price of her dowry be returned with her. She must always be closely veiled, and on the street wears the ugly *habara*, the black full mantle,

times and more enlightened customs. Gradually a new public opinion is being molded, and customs for women must change with all the rest. God speed the day!

Cairo is rich in mosques, many of them being very beautiful and among the most unique examples of church architecture. There are said to be three hundred and sixty-five of these Mohammedan churches in Cairo, several of the most famous of which we visited. No visitor to a mosque, if he be any other than a Mohammedan, is ever permitted to enter until he has had the sandals put on his feet. Of these, there is a great variety of big, little and medium-sized in all stages of slipshodness and of various colors. Sometimes the attendant will put a yellow one on one foot and a brown or red one on the other. Frequently we had to stop in our walk about the beautifully carpeted or marble floor to have a sandal tied on more securely. Although this putting on of shoes seemed very strange at first, we readily understood the sacredness of the underlying idea and respected it deeply.

In the picture you see the interior of the very oldest mosque in all Egypt. It is known, even to this day, as the Mosque of Amroo, its founder, and also the founder of Fostat or Old Cairo. Of this Amroo who, by the way, was one of the most famous and devout of the Mohammedan conquerors, it is said when he was about to set out for Alexandria and had commanded his tent to be removed, he was told that a pair of pigeons had built their nest on top of it. As he heard this he gave orders that the tent should be left standing. "God forbid," he said, "that a Moslem should refuse a shelter to any living being—one of God's creatures—that has put itself under the protection of his hospitality."

Can we find anywhere a better example of Brotherhood than this?

But to return to the Mosque of Amroo, which is called the "Crown of Mosques," not only on account of its great age and grand architecture, but because in times of general danger, representatives of all creeds and sects that worship the One God have here met together in common communion and supplication to Him. "In the time," says Ebers, "of Mohammed Ali, Moslems led by their Ulema, Christians of every confession led by their Bishops, Hebrews following their Rabbis, trod the broad court of the sanctuary and bowed with one accord before the Most High."

What a grand fellowship of Brothers the world would see if this could be said of every church of any sect!

In this old mosque of Amroo there are six long rows of columns, which make a magnificent arcade, on the pavement of which they throw strange lights and shades, that add to the effect of the silence which in every mosque is profound.

Several times a day, also at night and in the morning, one may hear the resounding call to prayers from the tops of the mosque minarets. "There is no God but God!" is the cry, or, "Allah! Allah! Allah!" "Prayer is better than sleep!" (a suggestion to the sleepless). The followers of Mohammed are most devout and very faithful, dropping their business instantly when this call is heard, no matter at what time of the day or night.

We were greatly impressed with this, many times coming upon groups kneeling in silent prayer, or gathered about a sheik, who was expounding the Koran. Notwithstanding many differences of the letter, we often felt the spirit of the One Universal Religion for which we all stand.

Yours in Holy Love.  
BROTHERS NOS. 1 AND 7.



"AMROO," THE OLDEST MOSQUE IN EGYPT.

which makes her look not unlike a huge unwieldy bat. Even the poorest wear silver, copper or bead bracelets, earrings and ankle rings, while their arms, chests, chins, foreheads and cheeks are often covered with blue tattooing. Many a poor woman we saw carrying mortar on her head up and down the inclined boards leading from the ground to the second or third story of a building. Women were working in the fields and with the flocks; they were drawing or carrying water on every hand, and in all visible ways their lot would seem a hard one, yet there are signs of improvement and an awakening in many directions. The time was, and only a few years since, when school-boys were gained by conscription, the same as soldiers, and so, often were taken from their parents by force and conducted to their lessons in chains. The many national and free schools now established have changed all this, and Egypt is on the way to better

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Are you tired and weary, brother? Is the sun clouded? Do all doors seem closed? Do you feel that the whole world is against you? If this is your state of mind, we urge you to take a copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES and go off into a quiet spot and read it slowly and calmly. You will soon feel vibrations of Love, Life, Hope and Courage. There is a secret and mystic power in this Magazine to smooth and sooth life here and now that none but the mystics know about.—A Mystic.

## Daybreak

THE steps are many, and the way is long,  
The fair and promised land is not in sight  
To cheer our vision; yet the eye of faith is strong.  
After the darkness, Joy cometh with the light,  
As in the East breaks dawn of the new day;  
A new time, and banner, Humanity the watchword  
Of loyal men, who from the towers discern the ray  
Of the clear light of Truth, Herald of day, and  
of the Word.  
Sending from out the dreary wilderness of doubt,  
To flowery fields of Ardath; promised land  
Of Peace and Plenty; hedged round about  
With golden links of Love, forged by the hand  
Of Wisdom, encircling and embracing all Humanity  
In the White light of Love's Divinity.  
HELEN C. CLARK.

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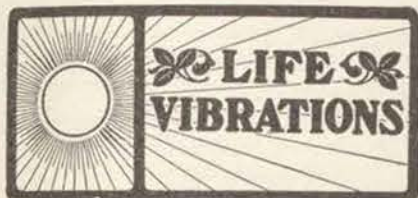
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## Life Vibrations



**BLESSED NEW YEAR!**  
God be praised!

"Faith that increaseth, walking in light;  
Hope that endureth, happy and bright;  
Love that is perfect, casting out fear—  
These shall ensure thee a Happy New Year."

Come, beloved, let us try to live the New Year  
with God and the Angels, and be free from all fear,  
all doubt, all griefs and sorrows.

Let's make it a grand jubilee year!  
"TRUTH'S GOLDEN O'ER US, ALTHOUGH WE RE-  
FUSE IT."

Let us know this year that God does not punish  
us; that God is really Love.

Listen to the blessed words of truth of Sweden-  
borg: "It appears as if the Lord was angry when  
man's own foolishness punishes him; which is per-  
mitted out of love, that his foolishness may be re-  
moved; like the case of loving parent and child."

THE GOD OF LOVE IS NEVER ANGRY!  
THE GOD OF ETERNAL MERCIES IS NEVER VENGE-  
FUL!

How dare small men belittle the great God and  
themselves by thinking the Tender One angry,  
wrathful and revengeful!

Oh, come, beloved, dwarf not thy soul, thy heart  
and thy mind this blessed New Year with a false  
conception of the eternal LOVING ONE.

Come, let us worship the great and true God who  
eternally loveth ALL, and is not a respecter of special  
persons, saints or sinners, religions, sects and  
churches. He is a grand Whole and not a part. He is  
the All in All. He is greater and mightier than all the  
minds of all Masters, all holy men, all great religious  
teachers, sages, seers, poets and prophets that ever  
walked the earth, or who ever will; yet He can be  
comprehended by love, and love alone.

This is the year, of all years, to know that God,  
LOVE, LOVER AND BELOVED ARE ONE.

Who or what can the great God-lover hate or  
despise when he knows God, LOVE, LOVER AND  
BELOVED ARE ONE?

Herein lieth all there is to know; that God, LOVE,  
LOVER AND BELOVED ARE ONE.

It is thus thy self becomes one with God, In-  
finite Love; becomes freed.

"Meditate on these things"—Love, Lover and  
Beloved as One.

This is the Way to perfect union with God, to  
perfect Oneness with the ALL, which lifts us into  
the eternal Blessed State (Freedom).

THEN ALL SORROWS VANISH FOREVER.

THE DISEASE OF THE WORLD VANISHES.

Man becomes more than man. He becomes a  
great Angel here and now and forever. All the petty  
claims of the little self vanish forever.

Oh, let me only love THEE, by loving ALL, and for  
Love's sake only; that is all I ask!

Let me have only the vanishing love of the God-  
lover!

Let me drink the cup of Love, which has been  
brewed by holy men, holy God-lovers, of every re-  
ligion.

THE REWARD OF LOVE IS LOVE, AND WHAT A  
BLESSED REWARD IT IS!

The reward is full realization of eternal life; that  
we are all of us eternal spirits, eternal children of  
one eternal loving All-Father-Mother; that no be-  
ing, no thing can be lost or destroyed.

Glory be to God for the blessed Light of Love!

This is the blessed New Day, blessed New Year,  
to realize God, Love.

PRaise THE INFINITE ONE OF LOVE FOREVER!  
God, LOVE, LOVER AND BELOVED ARE ONE!

The rarest radiance that lights a human face is the  
contentment of a loving soul.—Beecher.

## Closed Eyes

By Frederic W. Burry

CLOSED eyes and consequent Ignorance has been  
the rule in the Race since time immemorial—and  
the habit still clings to it with extraordinary tena-  
cacy.

For now, some people are actually wilfully blind;  
with Facts staring them right in the face, they still  
refuse to see them.

Not but what I am myself to an extent under the  
influence of this universal contagion of Ignorance;  
and I have therefore no right to complain of others.  
I simply write in this strain that I myself and a few  
who read may take a step aside from the wilful race-  
ignorance.

Ignorance and Selfishness are one. The lives of  
people, their consciousness, are confined in the nar-  
rowest of circles. They draw the folds of their veils  
tight around them, keeping out the air and sunshine  
and freedom of the universal life—of which just  
enough breaks through the self-imposed barriers to  
maintain existence.

Money and greed and vain social ambition are  
among the things that make men and women en-  
slaved for years and ages, shut up in prison dimen-  
sions—their souls and bodies dwarfed and stunted.  
Yes, the life of fashion and custom cripples the  
body as well as the soul.

This narrow existence is common with both rich  
and poor, and it is what keeps the world back.

How can men develop their talents and capabili-  
ties when they are spending all their time in a search  
for mere animal enjoyment? People must rise;  
they must open their eyes; they must let out some of  
the celestial possibilities of their nature—only thus  
can happiness be their portion.

There is no call for the discarding of riches or  
ambition or even animal enjoyment; there is no need  
of asceticism; it is only required that the human will  
and reason should take all things in hand, and mas-  
ter and control.

This requirement is demanded by Nature, by  
Life. It is the privilege and duty of every soul,  
male and female, to hold the reins of destiny, to  
guide his personal career.

There are a few who accept this responsibility  
with grace and gladness; but the majority shirk it—  
they would rather lean than stand upright—they  
prefer to shoulder all burdens upon others, and leave  
the affairs of existence in general in the hands of an  
abstract deity.

Facts are distasteful to them; Science does not ap-  
pear to them as a blessing; they keep their eyes  
closed.

Many who turn away their gaze from the ques-  
tions and problems and realities of life, do so be-  
cause they imagine that to give them attention  
would necessitate much effort and self-denial.  
There is a widespread distaste for Work.

But if people would open their eyes they would  
find that their work could be done with ease and  
pleasure, by the simple methods of faith, attention,  
self-reliance, concentration.

There is no joy so great as that which comes to a  
creator. To have a conscious share in the evolu-  
tion of existence—there is no joy greater than this.  
Life is one; and we are happy as we become con-  
scious of this unity. All this panorama of the uni-  
verse exists for the birth of the consciousness of  
unity.

Dresses and ornaments are very well in their way;  
symbols and ritual have their place; but surely the  
Real Thing is better—surely Truth itself is a prize  
worth seeking and working for.

Whatever we may give up or deny ourselves for  
the larger benedictions of life must be considered as  
a good exchange. It is change that people want;  
there is nothing worth clinging to only for a time;  
but people make the mistake of holding on to things  
and conditions when they have had their day.

They do this with their religions, their customs;  
they think as they act, in narrow grooves, in ruts—  
all according to the fashion.

There is now, however, an awakening in many  
quarters; many are learning to open their eyes.  
The popular literature reflects the growing con-  
sciousness. The signs of new births, new ideals, a  
new life, are disclosing themselves everywhere.

Evolution has now reached a point where a new  
consciousness, a larger existence, must have expres-  
sion.

The most desirable and helpful and forceful mem-  
bers of society are those who find their happiness  
in progressive ways that tend to further the prog-  
ress and happiness of their fellows. And this is the  
central thought of The Mystic Success Club. Are  
you a helpful, forceful brother or sister of this  
blessed Club of might and force? No matter how  
far advanced along the Path you are, this Club will  
help you, by the grace and power of Spirit, to ad-  
vance farther.

Great force and great character are common to all  
men and women who have calm, serene, sane and  
placid minds—receptive minds. There is nothing  
that can calm the mind but the Holy Spirit, the  
very God within the soul. So, spiritual culture is  
the highest and best culture for any man.

## INSPIRING POEM WORTH KNOWING

Whatever your occupation may be, and  
however crowded your hours with affairs,  
do not fail to secure at least a few minutes  
every day for refreshment of your inner  
life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles  
Eliot Norton.

## A Psalm of Life

WHAT THE HEART OF THE YOUNG MAN  
SAID TO THE PSALMIST

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

TELL me not, in mournful numbers,  
"Life is but an empty dream!"  
For the soul is dead that slumbers,  
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!  
And the grave is not its goal;  
"DUST THOU ART, TO DUST RE-  
TURNEST,"  
WAS NOT SPOKEN OF THE SOUL.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,  
Is our destined end or way;  
But to act, that each to-morrow  
Find us farther than to-day.

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,  
And our hearts, though stout and brave,  
Still, like muffled drums are beating  
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle,  
In the bivouac of Life,  
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!  
Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!  
Let the dead Past bury its dead!  
ACT—ACT IN THE LIVING PRESENT!  
HEART WITHIN, AND GOD O'ER-  
HEAD!

Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time,

Footprints that perhaps another,  
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,  
A FORLORN AND SHIPWRECKED  
BROTHER,  
SEEING, SHALL TAKE HEART  
AGAIN.

Let us, then, be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait.

Help is ever nigh through fervent, silent prayer  
to God. In great distress go to some quiet spot and  
all alone open your whole mind, heart and soul to  
God. What to human nature or carnal mind ap-  
pears impossible, is made easy by divine aid, which  
can always be obtained through silent prayer. The  
Silent One, God, worketh better in sorrow, quiet-  
ness and silence. The Christ within each soul ap-  
peareth in the Holy Silence and without observa-  
tion. In great agony, distress and trouble we are  
nearer God and the mighty Angels than at any other  
time, and that painful time, beloved, is the time to  
cry out to the Only Blessed One who can help us.  
So, great and intense suffering often means for us  
a near and great peace if we but turn to the ever  
Present Help, our great God.—A Mystic.

Blessed is he who relies solely and wholly upon  
the ever-present God and not upon his own finite  
plans, evolved by his own mortal, changing mind  
and will. To be led by the Spirit is to be led by the  
Infinite One of Perfection, the Changeless One, on  
the Path of Success. No failure or imperfection can  
touch him who relies implicitly in the Great God,  
provided his mind is cleansed of the illusions and  
delusions of dualistic thought, carnal thoughts,  
about the saved and unsaved, "sinners" and  
"saints," good and bad. As a matter of truth, All  
is Good. All is perfect for the moment with the In-  
finite Perfect One, who is the All in All. What was  
perfect yesterday may not be the order to-day, and  
the order of to-day is not the order of to-morrow,  
so far as material changes are concerned. Know  
and serve the Changeless One, the Infinite.—M.  
Henry.



## To Work the Works of God

CENTRAL thought—I must do my part in the finishing of Creation.

Happy are we when, the time having been fulfilled, we begin to ask, "What shall I do that I may work the works of God?" (John 6, 28). Not till we begin to perceive a great purpose in existence do we ask this question that opens the way to a great accomplishment.

We must never forget that "from two, a third" is the law to be fulfilled in us. First the Spiritual man, then the natural man, finally the Divine man.

Each living soul is an individual instance of this "works of God." By doing our part—"work the works"—the individual attainment follows.

"He who hath builded the house, hath more honor than the house" (Heb. 3, 3). The Divine man is the "house" to be builded, the attainment to be reached, the fulfilment accomplished. He is both knower and demonstrator, the living proof of the eternal Reality—the Spiritual man; the incarnate Word; the concrete form that reveals the nature of God.

This is the great "mystery" waiting always to be revealed, and, when revealed, prompting the question, "What shall I do that this mighty possibility may be fulfilled in me?" All the so-called miracles pertain to this "working the works." They have place in the process of making "of twain one new man" (Eph. 2, 15). They are the proofs of the nature and power of the Spiritual man, forthcoming only when this nature and power are discerned and exercised by the Natural man. Seeing and doing belong together, and without both seeing and doing "the works of God" are not worked.

To put this necessity into a practical form let us say, except we do as God has done, repeat for ourselves what God has already done for us, we do not work the works of God and are not entitled to deliverance from our own contrary works.

By our own thought we must bring forth God's thought—the Divine ideal—so "making of twain one new man." This new man is the Actual man who is the living proof that God is.

If we study the life and works of Jesus with this understanding they will have for us a new meaning and power, and we shall see into the present and future as never before when we read them in the past tense.

To repeat God's work, produce God's production, is the great privilege that is ours. What shall we do first? See the Spiritual man as the everlasting changeless reality *not seen* by our natural sense—"believe on him whom he hath sent" (John 6, 29). Then *put what we see into practice*; try to live according to what we discern instead of according to how things seem (John 6, 40).

This is the "making" of "the new man" who is free with "the freedom of the Sons of God." God creates, we make, when we "work the works of God," and so is creation finished. For however complete ideally, Creation cannot be complete practically till by demonstration it is *proven* to be. Let us ask ourselves the question, "Am I ready and willing to do my part?"

Before you know by experience that two and two are four, is your knowledge theoretical or practical? Can you become a mathematician except by proving the principle and rules of mathematics?

For this proof must you not "work these works"? When you work these works do you not make principle, rules, problems and results *your own consciousness*?—*Ursula N. Gestefeld.*

## Think

God gave us minds to think, to work out our own salvation in a full and complete way. Let us stop thinking the dead thoughts of bygone generations. Let us stop thinking on the authority of another's thought. Let us know, once and for all, that through the use of our own minds will come the truest and best solution of all questions presenting themselves to us in life. Think clearly. We must of necessity think clearly if our minds are illumined and made new from within. We must of necessity be positive in our thought if our minds are enlightened by the knowledge of an omnipotent, omniscient God, working within us to will and to do. With our thought we shape and direct the force of life, giving it form in the outer world. Let us think, then, the God thoughts, creative and upbuilding thoughts, making for health of mind and strength of body. Through centring our thought on the things we want to be or do, the energy we use is not diverted into wrong channels, but finds perfect expression, and we accomplish what we will to accomplish.—*Charles Brodie Patterson.*

Do not sit down supinely, and do not despair. Your efforts may seem to fail but they do not. Each one adds to your own strength; each one adds to your own power to conquer; they are growing into an accumulated avalanche of endeavor that will eventually become so large as to sweep all opposition out of your way and carry you with one grand movement to the goal of your ambition.—*Wilman.*

## THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

Health, Wealth, a Long, Useful and Blessed Career for You

"No Enterprise Is Too Venturesome, No Effort Too Daring"

To accomplish great things one must do the small and simple duties of life thoroughly.—A MYSTIC.



The whole world around us, and the whole world within us, are ruled by law.—THE DUKE OF ARGYLL.

Men of an extraordinary success, in their honest moments, have always sung, "Not unto us, not unto us."—Emerson.



Practice yourself, for Heaven's sake, in little things; and thence proceed to greater.—Epictetus.

GR<sup>EAT</sup>, lasting and blessed is that success attained in the Silent Mystic Way. It is an enduring success in health, prosperity, peace and happiness.

The work of this Club is in no way experimental or doubtful; the Club now has many thousands of joyful members in all parts of this country, Canada and some foreign countries; all these members enthusiastically and earnestly testify to having received many blessings since joining the Club, as will clearly be seen by the many *new* letters we print each month. Read these letters. Upwards of 1,000 new members join this Club each month.

It is the great Twentieth Century Divine Movement that is to change countless men and women to the blessed state, where disease, poverty and drudgery in their cases are to be banished.

Outside of the many letters we print here each month, we have selected 339 other strong letters, and incorporated them in a large book containing upwards of 100 special pointers on success. This book is entitled, "FROM DISEASE, POVERTY AND DRUDGERY TO HEALTH, WEALTH, POWER AND SUCCESS," and will be sent *free* to any aspiring soul who writes for it. It is a great, inspiring book; it is a helpful book for anyone.

We are expending many thousands of dollars to make our work known everywhere on the planet; the holy Mystic Adepts are working now for humanity all over the world as never before; our work can be done now better than ever before, as we have God's great blessings, in the way of the modern printing press and excellent mail facilities, besides great money resources.

We should all know that in this blessed New Age we are constantly finding new and simple ways to apply knowledge; one of the most blessed ways for Health, Receptivity, Psychic Magnetism and full Realization of real Power, Force and great Success is the Mystic Adepts' Way.

The simple yet most powerful forces of the Universe are the *Unseen Forces*, and the Elder Brothers and Mystic Adepts of great love and compassion ever stand ready to help *you*, beloved, to a knowledge of the blessed Unseen or Hidden Forces that you may have Health, Peace, Force and great Success.

God intends *all* of His children, and that means *you*, to live a long, healthful, peaceful and blessed life here and now; and it is only your own ignorance, perverseness or stubbornness that keeps you out of the Kingdom of Bliss.

It is blasphemous to blame God for any trouble; all your ills and sorrows come from within your own mind, and if you will change your mind only great blessings can touch you.

Brother Henry Wood says: "All forces are blessed and beneficent when properly employed. But the good thing, when misdirected, becomes what is commonly called evil."

We Mystics show you a *simple, easy, quick and permanent* way to use your God-given forces to great advantage.

"Disorder is never sent upon us from outside. The conditions for its manifestation are always self-made."

God sends us only countless blessings, but we, in darkness, cannot see or use them; the Mystics help you to help yourself to get into the eternal radiant White Light; and our *very simple plan* is neither complex, intricate, involved, dogmatic nor pragmatic; the Mystics love and help, but never meddle.

Unless we know how to invite blessings and open our whole being to them they never can touch us. Can the brilliant sunlight touch him who persists in hiding in a deep, dark cave? Can we see the beauties of life and enjoy its rich blessings if we refuse to listen to those who have fully realized all blessedness?

"God and nature and all things are friendly—yes, still more, loving—but we cannot realize that great truth until we vibrate with them."

To be successful we must vibrate with men and women of tremendous success. The founders of this Club are tremendously successful, and we thank the great God for our success, which has come in answer to very simple but fervent prayers and right acting.

No one who follows and lives our simple way can help but have health, wealth, Peace and Joy *here, now and there.*

This is not an experiment; there is no guesswork or chance work about it; it is a *DIVINE WAY* to Success and not a mortal way.

This is the great Twentieth Century Spiritual Movement that is to do so much for humanity.

By our mystic, psychic and occult way, in only four months we place the loyal member on the Path of Eternal Success.

This is our plan as formulated and carried out by great Mystic Adepts, Seers, Sages and Prophets:

FIRST—Lead *you* to HEALTH. (First month.)

SECOND—Lead *you* to RECEPTIVITY. (Second month.)

THIRD—Lead *you* to PERSONAL MAGNETISM. (Third month.)

FOURTH—Lead *you* to REALIZATION. (Fourth month.)

Remember, THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB operates in a *practical and positive* way with a true co-operative principle, unlimited in scope; we work with *you*, and *you* with us, in perfect harmony, under the broad and eternal co-operative law.

This is the beginning of the great Golden Age of Co-operation; competition and strenuous strife will from now on gradually give way to co-operation, and then the world will be truly successful.

We are leading thousands of blessed souls from darkness to light, from poverty and



drudgery to opulence and freedom, from disease, nervousness, fret and worry to perfect and permanent health, a serene and calm life—a peaceful, powerful and blessed, blissful life every minute here and now.

AGAIN, WE ASK YOU TO READ ALL THE TESTIMONIES ON THESE PAGES, AND REMEMBER, WE HAVE NOT SPACE TO PRINT ALL WE RECEIVE.

No more dark days for our members! What a blessing!

*The loyal members of this Club have no dark days. How full and complete and joyful is a life lived in the pure, clear WHITE LIGHT!*

Now, aspiring souls, it will be well for you to know this one truth: The owner, publishers, editors, writers and great Mystic Adepts connected with THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES are men and women who have RECOGNIZED and REALIZED—who are pre-eminently successful—who can help YOU.

This Magazine came to the world unannounced and unheralded, and is the phenomenal success in magazine publishing—all glory be to the Light of the Spirit—to God.

For a long time we have been formulating and perfecting plans to make THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB the most perfect, forceful and helpful organization in the world.

AND LIKE ALL THINGS WE DO IN SPIRIT, IT, TOO, IS SUCCESSFUL, AND IS A FITTING AND BEAUTIFUL DEMONSTRATION OF THE INNER POWER OF MAN.

This Club is a tremendous success; all its great number of loyal members are reaching success; and through it we are doing a part of the blessed works promised for this Twentieth Century by the Sages, Seers and Prophets—healing all diseases and abolishing drudgery and poverty.

All who join THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, and do the easy and simple work of the Four silent, sacred and mystic Degrees, will reach great success; if you are loyal to our simple teachings your success is assured.

YOU CAN BE SUCCESSFUL!

You can have perfect health, and hold your body indefinitely in the joy and beauty of real Life and be a great blessing to the All.

Never doubt it!

The ancient occult and mystic writings (sacred secrets) we send you will help you open your eyes to all light, will help you open your heart to all men, and open your mind to that knowing which all is known, and all power to attract, possess and hold the real riches of life will be yours.

We know the psychic and occult law of union, co-operation and reciprocity. We desire you to become one of us at once.

Read these great words of Emerson:

*"Men will live and communicate, and plough, and reap, and govern, as by added ethereal power, when once they are united; as in a celebrated experiment, by expiration and respiration exactly together, four persons lift a heavy man from the ground by the little finger only, and without a sense of weight."*

You are asked to join us at once, take the four simple Degrees, and get fully into our vibrations and become full of HEALTH, have perfect RECEPTIVITY and attract all the tremendous psychic and occult powers that will make you personally magnetic and cause you to realize fully, here and now, success in its highest and most perfect degree.

Come, beloved, join us this day, and with "a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together," we can, in this psychic age of quick action and great results, achieve phenomenal success.

What is that mystic something that makes for success?

THERE ARE BUT FOUR STEPS TO SUCCESS, VIZ.:

First Step—PERFECT HEALTH.

Second Step—RECEPTIVITY.

Third Step—ATTRACTIVENESS—PERSONAL MAGNETISM.

Fourth Step—FULL RECOGNITION AND REALIZATION OF YOUR PSYCHIC-MENTAL POWERS.

In a little while our Mystic Adepts take you through these Four Steps or Four Degrees, by correspondence, and you come into HEALTH, RECEPTIVITY, ATTRACTIVENESS and REALIZATION.

You are also held in a psychic and occult way by master adepts for health and success. But you must read and re-read the occult and mystic writings we send with each degree to fully realize success.

Much time and money have been expended in organizing and formulating our plans and preparing the Four Degrees so that they might be simple and comprehensive to anyone. A child can comprehend them.

BELOVED, YOU CAN BE SUCCESSFUL.

Thousands of letters are pouring in, speaking in glowing words about the wonderful blessings that have come to members since they enrolled their names as life members of this Club. Read some of these letters printed on these pages devoted to the Club.

Distinctly understand, THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB is in no way a money-making organization. We have set aside a large sum of money to make it a grand success, and in turn for what we do for you in helping to making you successful and happy we will expect you to help us to partly pay the expenses of supporting the Club (printing, postage, clerks, etc.).

To that end each member becomes a yearly subscriber to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES at one dollar, and gets three (3) friends to subscribe for the Magazine at one dollar a year, sending us the three subscribers, with three dollars. Upon receipt of the three subscribers, with three dollars, you are entered on our membership books as a full life member, with no further dues or payments of any kind whatsoever. We then mail you the First Degree (Health Degree), which, if you will work out, giving to it a little time each day, will put you on the road to perfect and permanent health. At the end of thirty days we mail you the Second Degree (for Receptivity); in thirty days more the Third Degree (Attractiveness; or, Personal Magnetism), and in thirty days more the Fourth or final Degree, which prepares you for full Realization. It takes four months to work through the Four Degrees, and you are then in a far more healthy, receptive and attractive condition than you ever thought of being here on the earth plane of existence. Some will develop the most perfect clairvoyant and clairaudient powers, which are always helpful to success; all will be more successful than they ever thought possible. Now, at the end of four months is the real beginning of real and permanent success.

At the end of four months all of your Psychic-Mental powers will have been developed to a most wonderful degree, and new doors will open to you for success, and Life will be beautiful.

Read this department each month, which will print about success, the growth of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, special success and achievements of individual members, etc.

In conclusion, remember, you become a life member of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, and will receive our daily vibrations that we send out in the Silence, upon becoming a subscriber for one year, at one dollar, to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and securing three more subscriptions from three friends at one dollar each. If you are already a subscriber, then send three subscribers, with three dollars; if not, then send three subscribers and your own subscription, with four dollars. We will immediately enter your name as a Life Member on our books and send you one degree each month. There are no further dues, assessments or payments to be made.

Come, beloved—we speak to you in love, sincerity and earnestness—join hands with us for life, and help us spread the glad song of hope, health, courage, optimism and success to the whole world.

This is the golden opportunity of your life. If you doubt it, go into the Silence and ask the God within the soul about it.

Read this over thoughtfully and ask yourself about it.

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB is organized and founded by men and women who have realized tremendous success, and it will be in a prosperous and forceful condition as long as there is one discouraged soul on this planet.

A great Mystic Adept, who has realized all that is successful, will have encouraging and hopeful words printed here in this department each month.

Each member of this Club becomes a determined and purposeful conqueror of discordant and adverse conditions of Life, now and here.

In a while each member assists others to rise and realize the fulness and wholeness of Life.

It is a grand union of eternal souls for self-expansion and all-expansion—for Growth, Progress, Enthusiasm and Optimism.

We bring out in you, beloved, all the resources of your soul, heart and mind.

We fit you for the highest and noblest service—the highest and noblest success.

No power can ever take away from you what we give.

We help you to make your Life, now and here, larger, broader and grander in every way.

With holy love, peace and good-will to all beings in the universe, we are, always for grand success,

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB,

Care of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES,

22 North William Street,

New York City, U. S. A.

N. B.—We desire members from all parts of this great and blessed planet.

Millions upon millions have lived and passed on to a higher life, because of the teachings of our blessed Jesus. He came to help ALL mankind. While helping men he rendered blessed special help to women. "He worked for them, talked with them, advised them, comforted them, strengthened them and defended them." This blessed Son of God loved ALL, and had compassion for ALL, but it was a blessed day for women, for all time, when the Master came to earth. No man, no pen, can describe the blessed work Jesus did for our blessed mothers and sisters; His work for womankind is beyond all calculation. "Women owe to Jesus their rank in the world, their mental and physical emancipation." Bless His name forever!—Frank Harrison.

From all beings, all events, all life, know that God is the All in All.—A. Z.

Each soul inherits all that each soul deserves. God is just.—A. Z.

We rouse our minds and turn it inward, and then the Christ within forms us, in beauty and perfection.—A. Z.



## About the Mystic Success Club

Sister Ella Reinhart, 1958 North Halsted street, Chicago, Ill., writes: "My general health greatly improved from the very beginning of my work in this Club. My sleep is sweet, restful and refreshing now, and I am free from nervousness and despondency. Although my duties are heavier than usual, I have been able to perform them with less fatigue than would be expected. A friend asked me about the wonderful change for the better that had come over me, and said I seemed to work with so much more energy and happiness. I told her it was the Club's work, and succeeded in interesting her in the Club; she intends to join. Another friend who is ill is thinking of joining also. With the influence of the Holy Spirit of God may the Club continue to grow in its power for good." As our members come into health and wholeness they radiate a light that causes remarks by their friends. Thousands are joining the Club because they see its wonderful effects on our members. How important, then, beloved members of this Club, for you to strive to live in the eternal pure White Light of God, that you may win and draw others to the true Path of Light. If it were not for the true God-loving, righteous men and women in the world, the world would be a bedlam. Let us thank God that through His righteous men and women the world is now progressing at a tremendous rate and getting to be more peaceful each succeeding day. The Mystic Success Club is doing a great and lasting harmonizing work in the world. But understand, we are not doing it all; other great, holy and powerful bodies are at work, too. All the religious movements are a blessing to man; when God does not need a religion, a sect or a church in His world, it ceases to exist.

Sister Eunice D. Hayward, 83 Spruce Place, Minneapolis, Minn., is being greatly helped by this Club. She says: "It has taught me much and helped me greatly." The Mystics teach ancient simple truths that have got somewhat buried in places through the push and complexity of modern life; God has put it into the mind of Mystics to restore the minds of men so that they may comprehend the eternal simple and ancient Way of Life.

Sister Alice L. Orcutt, Greenville, Mich., writes: "I thank God and the Club for all the blessings that have come to me since I became a member; it has helped me so much; it is a grand and good work. I love THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES very much. May God bless each and all." Beloved, this Club only helps its members to help themselves. All praise, all honor, all glory for the blessings of life belong only to the great God.

Sister Laura Belle Hutchinson, 210 Dallas street, Palestine, Tex., is coming into the blessed eternal White Light. She writes: "God, through the blessed Mystic Success Club, has done more for me than all things else on earth. Its teachings have filled me with Love, Peace, Gladness and Joy. What is this great peace that now fills my whole being with such a holy calm never before felt? Before joining this Club I was always so full of fear, doubt and distrust, but now my soul, heart and mind is so full of Love, Peace and Joy. I know now that the Spirit and love of God had never filled my heart until you taught me the Way. And yet it is all so plain and simple that a little child can grasp it. But how grand and sublime it all is, so beautiful and inspiring! I am so thankful I am a member of our blessed Club. May God bless each member and give him or her power to bless the world, is my prayer." Love for God is not destructive; it is constructive. A real God-loving soul has tremendous constructive powers. In a silent and blessed way the real God-lover disturbs no one, yet reforms himself and all things. There is a natural or divine way to make things happen without any friction or any disturbance. God fulfills all the needs of those who really love Him. "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

Sister W. P. Everett, Bangor, Me., writes in the Holy Spirit as follows: "I have been benefited in many ways since I joined the Club. I am now so happy and I feel so calm, peaceful and forceful and hopeful. I am striving to get others to subscribe to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, so they, too, can feel this great Power of God and the help of the good Angels. I feel the vibrations from Unseen Forces more and more every day, and I am a new woman. I do not now doubt and fear as formerly, trusting fully in Him who doeth all things well. I send love and kindness to all in the world." Blessed are those who spread any writings, teachings or thought-vibrations that make for peace, harmony and melody in the world; it is a psychic phenomenon that all who help to spread and circulate good books and magazines are greatly helped by the blessed Unseen Powers.

Sister Margaret Duffes Nampa, Idaho, writes: "I am delighted with the results of my work in the Mystic Success Club. My friends and neighbors wonder at my health and the great amount of work I do, and often ask: 'Do you think that it is the Success Club that has helped you so much in every way?' My answer is always: 'Indeed it is the help of the Unseen Forces, my love and faith in God, and the blessed Mystic Success Club has shown me how to ask and receive. May God bless you all.' What a blessing it is to know how to ask and receive! The Mystic Way is a blessed way, and like all great ways it is so very simple and easy to comprehend. All false ways are intricate, involved and complex and hard to understand. The true and great God means that His children shall comprehend Him. All the

Father asks of us is to come to Him in simple childlike Love and Faith.

Brother H. A. Major, Leal, N. Dak., writes: "I am so thankful I am now in a more healthful condition than ever before, and that I am realizing more and more the oneness of all life. The angels are now guiding and directing me." Man becomes a tremendous force and power in the world when he recognizes and realizes the oneness of all life. In dualism there is only weakness and a lack of power to do and achieve. All fear, all doubt, all weakness and all disease ceases when man comes into oneness with God.

THERE IS NOTHING BUT WOE AND MISERY, GRIEF AND SORROW, TRIBULATION AND ANGUISH IN THAT BEING WHO DOES NOT LIVE IN THE SPIRIT; AND ONLY PEACE, JOY, BLISS, POWER, FORCE AND PROSPERITY IN THAT BEING WHO LIVES WITH GOD.

Brother Charles Erbacher, 2322 Miami Canal, Cincinnati, O., writes in eternal and universal love: "I write in words of love to you. I now begin to realize many blessings that come from God through the help of our Club and the help of the unseen forces. I am a universal lover and realize the Father, God, is the All in All. When I sit in the Holy Silence with my soul, heart and mind open to God I feel the vibrations of the holy Mystics and the Angel forces. I am rejoiced to think I am a life member of this blessed Club or brotherhood." What a blessed power comes to man when he bands himself with thousands of holy men and women for a holy and righteous purpose! Seek ye the Mystic Way.

Brother James Madison Sapp, Perkins, Ga., writes: "Since I joined the Mystic Success Club my joy is great and my life less burdensome; I can now do so much better in every way. I am grateful to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES that it opened my eyes and led me to the Mystic Success Club that is helping me so much. In a while I will be able to help others. I am living for the All. May God bless us and keep us and fill our minds and bodies with peace, health and harmony. In the Name of the blessed eternal One, Amen." Blessed is he who loves the All and lives for the All. It is thus we draw near to God, the loving Father of All. "It is good for me to draw near to God."—Psa., lxxiii, 28.

Brother W. H. Lowell, 215 Charles street, Boston, Mass., is beginning to enter the eternal pure White Light where there is only peace, joy, force, power and strength. Be patient, brother, thou art nearing the summit of Supreme Bliss. He writes: "At times I am very, very happy—more so than ever before in my life. I felt that I came nearer loving God and all mankind than ever before, and my happiness was complete, so much so that I wondered at it; but it was not permanent. My health is perfect and I am quite happy. I feel that this work in the Club has opened a field and source of happiness that I never knew before and that all I have to do is to persevere." Our brother is much farther advanced than he thinks; to some souls God can only come in flashes, as they cloud their minds with vibrations of impatience. Be patient, brother, and persevere. Try to rouse thy faith. Try to help someone in some way, especially if it is someone whom you do not naturally like or love, or who does not love you. The Mystics in their early trainings always pray for those that their mortal minds dislike or despise. They project love and help (often material help) on what the world calls their "enemies," and the mean and vile, the sinful and the wicked, and it is thus by the mighty burning love of the great God within that they forever burn away the cage of anger and hatred and intolerance, and expand the heart and come into oneness with Universal Love and Universal Power.

Sister S. J. Larien, Grand Forks, B. C., writes in Holy Love and gratitude as follows: "Oh, I feel so full of love and life and light, and am so grateful to God and you, dear Mystics. What a great blessing, to be a member of The Mystic Success Club! Life is full, rich, complete and successful only as we live with the Most High, Jesus, the Master, taught man how to live here and now and anywhere in peace, harmony and melody. Freedom can only come to man as he is non-attached and non-resistant through love and attachment to God only. God intends man to possess all riches, but not that riches should possess him. Man must be opulent in spirit, soul, heart and mind before he can expect real Peace, Plenty and Progress. Let money and material things possess a man, and he is utterly miserable; but let man, in the Mystic Way, possess great Wealth, and he is blessed. Some of the Mystic Adepts possess great wealth. The Mystics know the cause of all disease, poverty, drudgery and misery. Knowing the cause, they know the cure—how to reach the root of the cause and forever destroy it. Many well-meaning but not wise people are trying to cure the ills of the world by treating the external or outward effects. To kill a noxious weed we must pull it up by the roots; must kill its roots. The Mystic Way is a simple way of killing the roots and seeds of all ills forever. No power can ever take away the eternal blessings of Providence to which the Mystic Adepts can lead you.

Sister Elizabeth Kerr, Hawleyville, Conn., writes with a heart full of love. She says, in part: "I am very grateful to the one who was instrumental in sending me the sample copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. For many years I have sought a full realization of my oneness with the Father of Love and with the All, and have eagerly reached out to everything coming to my knowledge which promised help in that direction. But though I found suggestions pointing to the Way, I never before found the help you have given me to walk in that Way. For though the spirit was willing, the flesh was weak, and with a highly strung, nervous temperament and surrounded by duties which, though self-imposed, were none the less arduous, I could seldom attain to calm serenity where alone

the still, small voice can be heard, and my many failures at length brought a feeling of utter discouragement. But since I commenced work in this Club I have felt myself wonderfully upheld and strengthened—as never before—and I feel I can truthfully say: 'This is the Way I long have sought, and mourned because I found it not.' My heart is full of love for all, and I am very thankful to God and you." Beloved sister, thou art now on the Blessed Eternal Path of Peace, Joy, and Bliss. Praise God, who ever leadeth us in the Right Path. "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."

Brother Charles Boyce, 19 Fort Greene Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes a powerful letter, because his whole being vibrates with the light of Love, Truth and Wisdom. He says: "Dear and Blessed Success Club: I write to let you know that I am fully realizing Success—grand, glorious success, success in its highest form. It is a success that makes one happy all day long; it is a success which comes from knowledge; it is a success which opens up an entire new world of thought. With this kind of real success, one is never at a loss for interesting occupation or recreation; and, Oh, the Peace, and Content, the perfect Rest, and yet the exhilarating action and creative energy which is instilled into one! It is a success which feels no fear or doubt, which gives perfect faith in the eternal Father, a success which makes one know it is good to live, and that full abundance is being furnished for all needs. My constant thought and prayer is, Oh, Father, bless all beings in this universe. 'Oh, Father, I love Thee, I adore Thee, and I place all my hopes and trust in Thee. I ask for nothing but Love, Light and Thy Guidance.' And I am having them all. Sister Leist, of San Francisco, expresses my feelings exactly when she says: 'I know to-day, as never before, that life's commonest event is sacred and divine, and a wonderful, marvelous miracle of infinite God.' Everything with me now is full of beauty and harmony; there is absolutely nothing which has not some interesting or instructive feature, now that success is realized. 'God is our life, spirit is the only substantial entity and Love is the only law.' God breathed into the atom the breath of Life and the atoms through the law of affinity are continually massing together in countless combinations and forms, in large enough quantities to be sensed by us. When governed by Love, perfection is the ultimate result of all cause. I send love to all." Oh, how blessed it is to come into oneness with the Blessed One of omnipresence! In oneness we reach the highest success, an eternal success—the Most High; in dualism there can be only woe and misery. Learn the blessed Mystic Way and be free forever. "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." Everlasting life should be realized here and now, must be realized here and now, if we would have real success here and now.

Brother William Alford, Baldwin, Texas, is a blessed soul. His letter vibrates with truth. He says, in part: "The Club has helped me greatly, spiritually, morally, mentally and physically. I think it is a good idea for us to know the simple way how to help ourselves, as the gods help those who help themselves." I send much love to all. The first step toward success is for a man to aspire to help himself. One of the purest and highest prayers is to pray God to teach you to help yourself in a God-like way. He who fervently prays for Love, Light, Direction and Guidance, unto him appears the Angel of Love and Light.

Brother L. A. Phelps, Scranton, Pa., is making great progress. He writes: "I feel so much better in every way since joining this Club. I do not know what to think of myself; the change for the better is great." Beloved, thou art only on the threshold of great and everlasting success.

Sister Catherine Kimberly, New Castle, Pa., is a blessed soul that has entered the Blessed Path. She writes: "I can truly say that this Club has done me a world of good. I ask for the prayers of the members and the Mystics for love, understanding and wisdom. Oh, I am so joyous in being a member of this blessed Club; it has helped me so much." God bless you, beloved sister, we will pray for you. Come, beloved members, here is another blessed privilege—let us all pray for our sister.

Sister Mrs. J. M. Vance, Mulberry, Ind., writes in holy love: "The work in this Club has been such a great help to me. My nerves are now strong and my other diseases have about all disappeared. I feel your vibrations strongly, and now sleep soundly and sweetly, and my melancholy is all gone; I am in great peace. My memory is improving. I take a great interest in all your prayers, that I may gain in knowledge and wisdom and come into the great pure White Light. When I read THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES my soul is filled with melody. It is both a privilege and a blessing to belong to such a great brotherhood." The Peace and Health of a spiritual man or woman is indescribable; goodness and love and mercy are in those who live in the Spirit. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."—Psa., xxiii, 6.

The sure provision of my God  
Attend me all my days;  
Oh, may thy house be mine abode,  
And all my work be praise.

"And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."—Psa., xxiv, 6.

Brother S. A. Beline, Lochaber Bay, Quebec, Canada, is making excellent progress. He writes: "I have been greatly benefited; I feel lighter, more confident, and am beginning to realize the oneness of the All. I love THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and would like to see it in the hands of everyone.

God bless the Mystic Success Club." Beloved, the love of our hearts go out to thee and the All. Our blessed work, by the help and grace of the great God, is spreading in all parts of the world. The Ancient Brotherhood of Holy Mystics are now working for humanity, as it never worked before in the history of the world. This is the blessed New Age of Love and Light, and our work can now be comprehended as never before. Learn the Mystic Way and come into eternal Peace, Joy and real success.

Brother Charles W. Porter, Winfield, Mo., who was asleep in the darkness of the world, is now awake in the pure White Light of the universe that radiates only beams of peace and joy. He writes: "Before I joined this blessed Club I was almost without hope; the way was dark and gloomy. Your words gave me hope and infused new life and peace and joy such as I never felt before. I can never say too much in praise of the Club and THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. A new and radiant light has scattered and driven away all the dark clouds from my path. I now have love, courage, faith, hope and power to help myself. I praise the Father for this great blessing of being a member of our Club. May God bless this blessed work, and may love, peace, joy and happiness be yours forever." Oh, how dark, dismal and gloomy life is when we do not walk with God and the Angels; and how blessed it is when we live in the pastures of a peaceful conscience! God seems terrible to the unawakened; to the awakened, who see Him with a clear eye, He is all love, gentleness and tender mercy, with no anger or wrath.

HUNDREDS OF CASES OF INSOMNIA OF LONG STANDING ARE BEING PERMANENTLY CURED QUICKLY. INSOMNIA IS NEUROUSNESS CAUSED BY A LACK OF LOVE AND FAITH IN THE ALL-GOD. THE MYSTIC ADEPTS PERMANENTLY CURE INSOMNIA AS IF BY A MIRACLE. READ THE FOLLOWING LETTER, WHICH IS A SAMPLE OF PERHAPS SEVERAL THOUSAND WE HAVE RECEIVED:

Sister Mrs. P. M. Gilbert, Hennessey, Okla., writes she is cured of insomnia of long standing. She says: "I cannot express my great joy in being a life member of this blessed Club. It has changed my whole life, and I now see the world and everything so differently, so beautifully. My health is greatly improved. I now have blessed sleep and refreshing rest. When I received the First Degree I was a little doubtful. I could not see how your simple plan could cure insomnia; but, bless the Lord! I HAVE NOT HAD SUCH BLESSED SLEEP AND SWEET REST FOR YEARS. God bless you!" And God bless you, child of God, for telling the world of the mighty Power of Spirit to sooth and smooth our lives. Come, all ye who are nervous and restless, fretful, gloomy and in the blues and despair, come and realize the blessings of eternal Peace, Calm and Quiet Joy here and now and forever. Insomnia quickly yields to the Spirit when it will yield to nothing else, and the cure is permanent.

Sister Mrs. Frank Harrer, 139 Watt avenue, Pullman, Ill., is having many blessings showered upon her since joining the Club. She writes a long letter filled with praise and gratitude to God for having led her to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES and the Mystic Success Club. She says, in part: "From the very moment I entered this work I have had a wonderfully strong uplifting power about me. My body vibrates with Light and Life all the time. I do a tremendous amount of housework for a large family of from ten to fifteen without any fatigue. The thoughts you give us are so strengthening, uplifting and helpful. Although my family is large, I never before did my work so easily, cheerfully and willingly. Since joining the Club my feet, which have always bothered me with pain when I did much work, have not troubled me once; I feel as if I had no feet part of the time. I thank God for all this. May God's good work through your Club go on as long as there is one soul in distress in the world." And so it will, beloved. God is working in many and diverse ways to win souls, and one of His Ways is the Mystic Way. All religions, all sects, all churches are doing much good, and will do much more good when they work more in peace, harmony and melody with their brothers; we are all one great family with one great Father at the head. Blessed will be that day on earth when religionists cease to quarrel and strive, and come to know that the great God is the God of All.

Sister Mrs. A. Gorham, Kirkland, Ill., writes in holy love: "I cannot explain by words how thankful and grateful I am to God for the blessings received through membership in this Club. God, the Ancient Physician, has brought me out of so much intense pain. Before joining this Club it did seem that my whole body was diseased, and I got where I began to think life was not worth living. But, thank God, now my pains are gone, and I now sleep so much better that I feel that I have come into a new life. The nervous distressed feeling is gone. THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES helps me much. May the blessings of God rest on you all." Oh, how blessed it is to be at ease and not have distress; to be free from an overwrought and distressed mind and an overwrought nervous system! But man can never reach real freedom until he comes into oneness with the eternal Freed One, the eternal Peaceful One, the eternal calm and Changeless One, the eternal Great God of the Universe. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up." Or better yet: Love God and man, and all, with all your soul, all your heart, and all your mind, and live the blessed truths of our blessed Master, the Christ. Live the Golden Rule! Live the Sermon on the Mount! These teachings lived (not merely believed in) will carry man to the Most High, to oneness with the Providing One. Learn the Mystic Way and be blessed.



## About the Mystic Success Club

Sister E. B. Wesley, Mt. Vernon, Wash., writes: "I have received untold benefit from my membership in this Club. I have an indescribable gladness in my heart, and life is hopeful, and I have a great strengthening and uplifting from the dear Club." Blessed is he who walks in the Spirit.

Come, weary souls, with woe oppressed,  
Come, and accept the promised rest.

Sister R. T. Higgins, Beaumont, Tex., writes: "I am more than pleased to be a life member of so great an organization. I know I am helped daily. I thank God for His blessings. I am now in much better health than I have enjoyed for a long time. I feel quite a change in my whole being. You are doing a most wonderful work. I could help you more if I were not a 'shut-in.' I ask the prayers of all for more Love and more Light." Come, let us all pray for our beloved sister. Only your body is "shut-in," beloved; the Spirit within thy soul is eternal and omnipresent. Some of the greatest Mystics of the world are what the world would call "shut-ins." Much of the work of this Club is done by Mystics who are out of the busy world. They constantly pray for, write for and treat the sad and sorrowful. As a matter of truth the spirit—the real you—cannot be "shut-in." Know this and be free.

Sister Martha B. Smoot, Colorado, Tex., writes: "Each of the four degrees has proved a great blessing to me. That the 'Everlasting Arms,' in the shape of God's Angels and the Holy Mystics, are ever around, above and beneath me. I have been taught by practical demonstrations in the last four months, for many times I have been helped and been saved from unlooked-for dangers by what outsiders, who do not know how the Spirit works, consider miracles. I often see beautiful, glorified visions, and have distinct answers from within to questions asked; but nothing is so real as God's presence, saving me from sudden dangers that seem to be sent only to convince me that he is ever here, now, to help. I joy in our Club, and know I have an interest in it that can never be taken from me; I am a part of it, as of all things else. I send love and blessings to all." Our beloved sister has come into oneness with God, and from now on, from everlasting to everlasting, she will be blessed. What a power this Club has in its thousands of soulful members!

Sister Emma F. Tervin, Cordova, Ala., writes: "In reading the words of the work in the First Degree I invariably fall into a calm sleep. Each day I receive special blessings, and I am so happy in being a life member of The Mystic Success Club, as I know it is doing a great work. I am now sleeping unusually well all the time. I have certainly been much benefited." Blessed are they that live in the Spirit; their days shall be joyous and profitable and their nights peaceful and refreshing.

Brother Richard A. Deane, 3104 South Park avenue, Chicago, is making progress. He writes: "I have improved in health very much, and feel so much encouraged since entering this blessed work." Beloved brother, with help and courage, life is blessed. Power and Force is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that love God.

Brother J. Evers, 27 Arnold street, Buffalo, N. Y., writes: "I am anxious to render thanks to God and the Elder Brothers who have rendered me in their holy way so much help in going through the four degrees. My desire is to become useful in helping this good work along; for surely no one can go through the four degrees without feeling it is God's work. I have had sixty years' experience in trying to trust God and have always looked for my reward in the future. Thank the All-Father, the Magazine and the Club's degrees have enabled me to realize that I get my reward here and now; it has increased my love for the All, and taught me how to live a happy, sane, safe and prosperous life here and now. No good thing will be withheld from those who live in the Spirit. All readers of the blessed Magazine I hope and trust will make a determined effort to join our Club and become with us partakers of the Heavenly Blessings that are sure to follow an honest effort to go through the four degrees." Blessed is he who fellowships with such a large and great band of earnest, aspiring, God-loving men and women as compose our Club; it means much to you and humanity when you come into our vibrations.

Brother Irving W. Hennig, 7148 South Eighth street, St. Louis, Mo., writes us in great joy and peace. He says, in part: "It is with joy and thanksgiving I send you report of my four months' work in The Mystic Success Club. Mighty forces are now at work within me, building and rearranging my mind, habits and thoughts, until now everything takes on a new light, and I find only joy and peace in each hour of my existence. Instead of the morose, surly and pessimistic disposition I used to have, now I find, without effort on my part, a happy, contented and bright side to every commonplace event, and I praise God, His Angels of Light, and this blessed Club each hour I live for my bounteous blessings. Success now comes to my every undertaking, both in business, mental and spiritual work. A great power has come to me, which I can only call impressions, which reveals great truths to my mind. Let us all praise God for His guidance and hold nothing but peace and joy in our hearts." Praise God, for the grand results we are getting in this work; hundreds of letters like the above are now pouring in from members who have worked through the four degrees and are beginning to realize Eternal Success.

Sister Helen E. Stone, Belleville, Tex., writes us in Christian love: "I have just finished the Fourth Degree, and it is with joy I write that many blessings have been

mine. He who knows our every thought, knows how earnestly I have sought to be truly filled with a calm and quiet spirit, midst all the many trials, to which He has led me, and now realizing His sacred nearness to me, I know 'I can do and bear all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.' I assure you all of my gratitude and love for your deep interest in my life and success, and know it is not for a day but for all time. May our Father's continual goodness forever be shown through you all." What joy it is to read these thousands of letters from Christians, Jews, Buddhists and different sects, all coming together in this Club as brothers and eternal children of one eternal loving Father, with only words of Love, Peace and Joy that make for eternal and universal harmony! What a blessed world this will be when we all recognize and realize the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, and our souls, hearts and minds are so large that we can find room for every man, regardless of his particular religious belief; when we are so filled with eternal and universal love that there is no room in our minds for thoughts about this or that brother's religion.

Brother M. K. Lyman, Delray, Fla., writes: "May the Lord bless you for getting up a Club with such genuine Degree Work. My prayer to God is, Bless the great work of this Club." Beloved brothers, it is these thousands of daily prayers in all parts of the world that is making our work blessed; no mortal has any conception of the power of prayer, especially that prayer which is uttered for any work that aims to help humanity. Let us not be weary in our prayers for others. Success cometh to him who wishes all success. Let us not criticize, censure or condemn anyone.

Sister Nellie J. Minor, Fenton, Mich., writes: "I am greatly blessed from your instructions; a calm serenity now pervades my whole being. I feel helpful and inspiring influences about me all the time. Dear brothers and sisters, may you all receive God's richest blessings all the days of your life." Beloved, God is rich with blessings to all; it is only those who are asleep with their senses that cannot see the countless blessings of life. We reap when we sleep, not with the senses.

Brother J. O. Meservey, 645 South Ninth street, Lincoln, Neb., writes: "I now work faithfully and trustfully without doubt or fear, as I feel the vibrations of power from our Club daily. I feel thankful and grateful that I am a life member of such a mighty band of earnest, powerful souls, who work in love and harmony for the uplifting of the world. In working the four beautiful and sacred degrees we are filled with Light and Wisdom and come into oneness with Divine Providence and realize universal love. I am in splendid health and prospering." Love, Health and Prosperity go together. Real Love has no feeling of even the slightest criticism against one being in the world. When man attains to such love all the powers and forces of the universe serve him, and he is no longer bound to the Wheel of Misery. Eternal and universal love is the consuming fire that burneth all the seeds of foolishness, poverty, drudgery, disease and weakness. Blessed is he who knoweth the Ancient Mystic Way.

Sister Isabel M. Case, Lock Box 31, Hutchinson, Minn., writes: "I want to write what The Mystic Success Club has been to me. The past four months have changed an almost hopeless, despairing soul, sick and rebellious, to a grateful, cheerful, hopeful being, ready and willing to cheerfully perform whatever task the days may bring to hand, and strong to help where help is needed. God and the Unseen Forces who are ever watching, have brought me success and blessings in material things, and given me a work that I can do, and so relieve me from all anxiety for the future. May the blessings of Almighty God be and abide with you all forever. I have learned so many things and blessings to clear vision. I send love and blessings to all." Oh, how mighty is the power of Spirit! "In due season we shall reap if we faint not."

"For my heart was hot and restless,  
And my life seemed full of care,  
And the burden then laid upon me  
Seemed greater than I could bear."

"But now it has fallen from me  
And lies buried in the sea;  
And only the sorrow of others  
Casts its shadow over me."

Sister Elizabeth Fleming, 3509 Lafayette avenue, St. Louis, Mo., writes: "I now enjoy good health, am happy, thankful and grateful, and have a contented mind. Is that not a great deal to be thankful for? I think it so beautiful for us to help one another! I am a new woman spiritually and physically. Thanks be to God and you, dear brothers, and The Mystic Success Club. May God bless all our dear brothers and sisters in this Holy Club, the sincere wish and prayer of our humble sister in good works for all." Blessed is he who thinks of all; twice blessed is he who loves all; thrice blessed is he who thinks, loves and works for all. But God does not expect us to neglect any present duties; we must all work. If we put the Holy Spirit into our work we are working for all. Spiritual growth is never through idleness nor mere dreaming and praying. Prayer, work and service, not shirking or dodging any duty or work is the way to show our love for God and man. Nor must we in any way censure, condemn or criticize any brother who is an idler or drone; that is a matter between him and God. The Holy Mystics never criticize, censure or condemn any brother for his acts; we all have enough to do to reform ourselves.

Sister E. J. Hubbard, Old Orchard, Me., writes: "I am now much better in every way. I have doctored my throat eleven years, and have had all kinds of doctors and paid out a great deal of money without any results. But now I feel sure of being healed, since you have taught me the Way. I thank God, and have taught me the Way. I know He has." I pray He will bless you; I know He will. Thy love and faith will make thee whole. "The Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light."

Brother David R. French, Newtown, Conn., has been blessed by having his financial troubles adjusted. He writes: "My financial matters have been consummated to the end desired during the present month, and hence the money due me has been received, and I am happy." Praise God for the many blessings he showers upon us. When we live in Love to all and with the Spirit we begin to have real and lasting success. "God is Love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him," and he who dwelleth with Providence cannot fail, but will have great success.

Prof. W. J. White, Box 26, Olla, La., writes: "I am very thankful to this blessed Club for what it has done for me, and praise God for leading me to this blessed brotherhood. My health is so much better, much better than it was. I am a changed man. I now begin to look on life in the true Light. My mind is now at ease, and I feel so happy to know that I have found what my soul has for so long longed for. The Magazine does my soul so much good when I read and realize the blessed truths it teaches. I will do all I can for the Magazine and the blessed Club. I now have new hope, new life and courage. I can do a hard day's work now and not be tired and worried at night. I praise God for what he has done for me. May God bless all the dear brothers and sisters of our blessed Club and help us to carry on the good work." Blessed is he who loves and helps good works; who helps to circulate good books and magazines that print about the mighty love and power of God to help all who will but open their souls, hearts and minds to the loving Father.

Dear beloved, let us cleanse our minds from all illusions, especially that great weakening illusion where we think we are only right and others are wrong; it is well to feel righteousness in love for righteousness sake alone without censure of others.

Sister Eva G. Spencer, 123 East Prospect street, Kewanee, Ill., writes: "I have been helped a great deal, and now want to be a helper to others." God bless you! You can help others in the silent Mystic Way by projecting loving thoughts on all; there is no better way to help mankind than to silently love and pray for others.

Brother Charles Boyce, 19 Fort Greene Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., has now entered the peaceful and blessed state, and is receiving many blessings. In a letter, filled with brotherly love for all, among other things he says: "I now know that there is nothing which I may ever undertake which will not be a success. Is this strong language? Well, it is nothing more than I feel and know. In the first place, I will not undertake to do impossible or foolish things; my judgment is now enlightened by the Spirit. I know now I cannot receive any more power or advancement than I am prepared for. I cheerfully and willingly act on the plane which I occupy, and by living and working this way there is absolutely no limit to my ability and power. I know it. It is so plain and simple." Blessed is he who knows that to accomplish great things one must do all the small and simple duties of life thoroughly, merrily and cheerfully. Our brother is far on the Path.

Brother Henry Goodwin, Hollywood, Cal., is making grand progress. He writes in universal love and truth, and among other things says: "I am much pleased and gratified to know and feel I am a life member of The Mystic Success Club, and that my name is enrolled among the great masters of the world. As time goes on I pray to God that I will become more and more worthy of being a member of this grand organization." Blessed are the loyal members of this great and growing band of God-loving men and women who unselfishly wish and pray for success for each and all. He who would reach eternal success let him learn to love all, to be unselfish, pure and good. He who selfishly seeks success is already a failure.

Sister Jennie Anderson, 1118 Chestnut street, Darby, Pa., is now being blessed by great light, knowledge and wisdom. In a long letter filled with love and praise of God and of The Mystic Success Club, she says, in part: "I am so much improved in mind and body. I feel your strong vibrations daily, and it is such a real joy to me. I thank God and you for such a Club. I have learned to realize and acknowledge the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and I have also learned to find the Power of God within myself. I can now see God in everything. O blessed teachings, that have led me to such knowledge and so much peace and happiness! Now I feel powerful unseen forces about me all the time. May God bless every member of our blessed Club." The great Angels of Love, Light and Might always approach and help those who live in universal love. The Angels of Love are an everlasting help to all who love.

Brother George W. Jarmin, Decatur, Ill., writes us a letter full of love and praise. He says, in part: "It would be hard for me to explain in writing the difference in myself now from what it was four months ago when I joined the Club. I am so much improved in every way that I am, as it were, a new and different man. I feel that I am living on a much higher plane; surely, this is the higher life. I praise God and thank you." Brother, thou hast just begun to live the blessed life here and now. "The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation."

Sister Anna L. Brubaker, Hamilton, Bermuda, writes: "I cannot express to you my real feelings. I am a changed person. I pray that God will bless this wonderful Club, which must soon be a great power in the world." Beloved, it cannot help but be a great power in the world when so many thousands of earnest, God-loving members like yourself are continually praying to the great God for its success. There is no power higher than that of fervent, unselfish prayer.

Brother Chas. A. Way, North Charlestown, N. H., is beginning to realize many blessings at the end of his work in the Fourth Degree. He is helped daily by the blessed Angels, as he is a spiritual man and very mediumistic. He writes: "My peace of mind and contentment is unusual; I am greatly encouraged and am cheerful, and my confidence is greatly increased. I begin to feel the buoyancy of youth, and do not feel fatigued from my work. I have incessant hard work many hours a day, with no break for a vacation. Sometimes my work is in the woods cutting and loading heavy timbers with young men who would complain of fatigue, while I, at sixty-seven years of age, have not been able to say truthfully that I was tired. This is an unusual condition with me, and I give spiritual force the credit for it. Now all days are blessed to me; I am hopeful, feel youthful, and cannot talk too much about our Magazine and the Club. Things are now coming my way more than usual. I take great delight in reading the degrees. Although my work is very hard, I feel unusual vigor and strength to do it. I have a broader and deeper love now, and am overcoming dislikes, and am holding higher ideals. I have strong faith in your work. My sleep is sweet and refreshing, and I have pleasant dreams. I can talk with enthusiasm about this Club and its benefits. With gratitude, I am yours for love." Our beloved brother is making great progress, and the Mystics will give him special attention in his special work. There is no sustaining Power but the Spirit. The more spiritual one is the more vigor and strength and power one has.

God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.—Psa., lxxii, 7.

Brother Rev. G. D. King, Concord, Cal., writes us in holy love: "Words cannot be spoken nor written that will express all the joy and benefits that have come to me through membership in The Mystic Success Club. I will forever hold the degrees sacred for my own use alone. I will do all I can to get others to become recipients of the grand blessings that come from a membership in this blessed Club. May the blessings of the Father be with the members of this great and blessed Club." Bless you, brother, bless you, for your words of love.

Blest are the souls that thirst for grace,  
Hunger and long for righteousness;  
They shall be well supplied and fed  
With living streams and living bread.

Sister Lizzie Wardell Weldon, 19 Clinton street, Hartford, Conn., writes: "Since working my Fourth Degree I have realized some wonderful and blessed changes in many ways; have unexpected pleasant journeys and meetings of several dear old friends that I have not seen for many years. Many tokens of love and friendship have poured in on me. I cannot speak strongly enough in praise of our blessed Club. Twice I have heard a Voice plainly telling me what to do, and once a beautiful vision. You are doing a great work. One cannot read THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES without feeling holy and psychic vibrations. I wish all the world might join our Club." Beloved sister, as we live in and with the Spirit life is full and rich with blessings, we forget our own little self and then the Angels come and help us. "Forget thine own little self, and thou shalt reproduce, in living and enduring forms, a thousand beautiful experiences; thou shalt find within thyself that simple goodness which is greatness."

Sister Nellie B. Billro, Tuskegee, Ala., writes: "I prize my membership highly. I cannot tell you the great good that has come to me in working out the degrees. I now possess a spiritual and mental poise never known before, and the constant thought of God fills me with the kind of love for my fellow-man that makes me wish to serve him and gives me a supreme love for my Heavenly Father. My threefold nature is growing and strengthening. I wish always to keep in touch with your helpful and inspiring Club. May you long live to bless humanity." Beloved child of God, once you are a member of this Club of universal and eternal lovers, you will always be in touch with us. At the proper time we send each member further instructions. We want all of our members to cultivate patience and to look to God and the Angels to lead them. When the Holy Spirit moves the Adepts to write members special instructions they will be sent. The Mystics do not write many letters; they have a quicker and better way to reach members. Another thing—our loyal members as they work out of the Fourth Degree will find all light, all leading within their own soul or from unseen forces and intelligences. Our Guardian Angel is always near.

Sister E. B. Robertson, 717 West Eleventh street, Los Angeles, Cal., writes: "I am more than thankful for all the help that I receive from The Mystic Success Club. I always speak a good word for the Magazine; I think so much of it. I am so thankful to you all for the good thoughts you send out to me. I know of the great good you are doing in the world, and my thoughts go out to you, wishing the good work to go on. Again, I thank you for all the good you have done me." Beloved, praise God for all blessings; all we can do for any aspiring soul is to point the simple Mystic Way to eternal blessedness here, now, and forever.

"It is as easy to be great as to be small," says Emerson. Men and women of an extraordinary success have always adhered to and lived under simple rules—the Truth. Come, beloved, know the Simple Mystic Way.

Sister Leila I. Sick, 2361 Logan avenue, Denver, Col., in writing a letter of thanks and praise, among other things says: "I cannot estimate the great benefit that I have derived from my work in our Club, and I hope you will continue to forward all pamphlets, etc., to which I am entitled as a member, as I am positive that anything you send will be helpful." We are from time to time sending all of our members special instructions printed matter etc.



## A Thought from Nature's Heart for Every Month

### JANUARY

COME take my hand, oh, perfect youth,  
Lead thou me to the Soul of Truth!  
With thy fair, rose-leaf fingers stay  
The tears sprung from my yesterday.  
How quick the Past seems with its stings!  
To aching hearts, your new birth brings  
Sweet promises of ends attained.  
Time turns our life's new page unstained;  
Then cometh from the troubled past  
A whispered "Courage!" Hope at last  
Awakens in the soul a song  
That drowns the sob of conscious wrong!

### FEBRUARY

The crocus hoards a store of gold,  
The sun hath won her heart to hold,  
And with the first south wind, she opens  
Her fragile cups on grassy slopes  
To yield all to the Alchemist,  
Who with the goddess Change keeps tryst.  
The pattering rain resolves in dew!  
A bow of promise spans the blue!  
The Frost King's floodgates are unbound;  
Arachne's shuttle is unwound,  
And through the naked branches gleam  
Like moonbeams seen in Love's sweet dream.

### MARCH

Ho, merry March! A sand dune flies  
Into my eager, watchful eyes!  
I strive to find the violet new,  
That prophesied the love most true.  
But as I seek with jealous care,  
Thou tanglest dead leaves in my hair!  
Alas! and how the catkins tease  
The naked branches of the trees!  
How mad, capricious, wild and gay,  
Thou dancest all thy days away!  
One seldom weeps to see thee go,  
And yet, O March, we love thee so!

### APRIL

Who cometh now with faltering feet,  
Pressed on the grasses lush, and sweet,  
Sonnambule, enchanting fair,  
With yellow woodbine in her hair?  
Behold, in her the bride called Spring,  
Uncertain how her lips must sing  
With harp atune to every mood,  
Engendered by the Soul of Good!  
Her face is pale with timid love,  
Her eyes are bright as stars above;  
She holds the hawthorn in her hand,  
And swings a censer o'er the land.

### MAY

How well I know that heart of thine!  
How well I know it matches mine!  
Thou lingerest but a happy spell,  
But all God's creatures hold thee well.  
Until the wild azaleas came,  
I ne'er had heard men speak thy name,  
And now in leaves of oak is set  
A pleasure I would not forget—  
A pleasure fraught with Mayweed's gold,  
Divulged upon the fragrant mold—  
All margined 'round with twilight bars,  
Inwrought and set with glowing stars!

### JUNE

When wild, blood-red-like wine doth leap  
Into the earth where flowers sleep,  
And swells each bud into a rose,  
Where passion, richly, warmly glows;  
And when beneath the southern skies,  
The jessamines yield to butterflies  
A philter from each pearly breast,  
That proves love's dearest, best behest;  
When every purple, mitred head  
By bee is sent, on clover bed;  
'Tis then the world, in sweet attune,  
Delights to sing the praise of June.

Nature is in tune with this blessed New Era of Light and Progress and is "seized with an unwonted prodigality," and is yielding up wonderful crops, great mineral wealth and her choicest secrets. We have entered the great Golden Age. Glory be to God! We can never go back into darkness. God's great and grand plan of evolution does not work backward. The only ones who are not realizing the blessed fruits of this golden era are those whose perverse minds keep them clinging to the illusions and delusions of the Old. Come! rouse your souls and live in the blessed *New and Now*. Come! beloved, thou hast fed on the husks of the *old* and the *past* long enough. This is the Golden Age of Life, Love, Progress, Prosperity, Peace and Bliss.—  
*Frank Harrison.*

### JULY

Now languidly a mellow haze  
Of sunshine falls on fields of maize.  
And tenderly the sun-god weaves  
An arabesque upon the leaves  
That tremble on the wooing air,  
To make a picture strangely fair—  
A picture touched with light and shade,  
Which signifies Hope, unafraid.  
And God's dear earth, with faint alarms,  
Swoons as she sinks in Summer's arms.  
She drops the while, the ti-ti's fine,  
Made fast; her tresses to entwine.

### AUGUST

How long the fevered, summer nights  
Do linger with their strange delights!  
How long the fervid days do cling  
To every hope that is a-wing!  
No longer doth the primrose press  
Lip upon lip, with fond caress;  
Nor yet the Georgia Cherokee  
Wave over brambles, glad and free!  
For in its place the marguerite,  
And nest for birds, nods at our feet!  
And where the innocents have bloomed  
The meadow queen stands proudly plumed.

### SEPTEMBER

I pray thee heed each milk-white sail  
That shadows, like an airy veil,  
The moon, who, with elusive grace,  
Shows roguishly her winsome face!  
I pray thee bend a listening ear  
The night-bird's soulful song to hear!  
He plaints of themes the heavens teach,  
Divinely sweet, in angels' speech.  
Oh, linger thou where gentian bells  
Chime in the harmonizing swells  
Of trumpet flower and tenderly  
The magic song will harken thee.

### OCTOBER

The tulip-poplar lilies, green,  
Are filled with spice by hands unseen,  
To please the elfish Ganymede,  
Who brews wine from ambrosia seed,  
While he with magic fingers stirs  
Into the potion wisps of firs,  
Whose tender, larch-like stems ensnare  
A thousand odors from the air.  
The aftermath and stubble gleams  
Through amber light; a poppy dreams  
Among the tall and crisping grass,  
Woody by the winds that lightly pass.

### NOVEMBER

Wings! Wings! Wind-wings, all flecked with brown,  
And yellow leaves now drifted down,  
Ye hold imprisoned in a snare  
Of restless, palpitating air  
Faint odors of the wood-loam's breath,  
That panting, sighs o'er summer's death.  
And where the crimson sumach's touch  
Grows deepest is a rabbit hutch  
From whose deep shadow shine the eyes  
Of motherhood, in glad surprise.  
The dogwood cups have spilled their seed,  
Pan blows upon a well-tuned reed!

### DECEMBER

White stars are whirling gently round  
To consecrate the naked ground.  
The early snowdrop's bell is seen  
To quiver on lineares of green.  
And where chrysanthemums, arrayed  
In regal robes, smile undismayed  
At winds o'erbold, an army fine  
Of shrouded ghosts march into line.  
The organ swells; the chorist's voice  
Bids every soul on earth rejoice.  
For, lo! a star of splendid Light  
Illumines all the voiceless night.

—*Lottie Belle Wylie.*

Who dare tell me that this man or that man, or this woman or that woman, is not a blessed eternal child of God? Who dare label this soul or that soul "lost" or "saved"? The essence of eternal perfection is in all souls, and in a while all will be complete, whole and perfect. How grand is God's Plan and how orderly and perfect His beautiful universe!—*The Blissful Prophet.*

Divine insight in its fullest and highest degree comes only to the Universal Lover—he who fervently and persistently and continuously and eternally loves all things and all beings in the Universe.

Cleanse and empty the mind! Cleanse and empty the mind, and open it to Omniscience.

## The Occult Science of Life

**T**his is a proven fact, backed by modern science, that all power is inherent in every heart, and also is proven the Occult principle that "thought goes in waves"—it also generates and controls vibration. He who has learned the law of thought, by observing the necessary Occult practices, can gratify his every desire. It opens the door to unlimited power, and success is the sure result, in certain ways of thinking. To awaken the Occult within enables one to awaken it in others, and Life will take on a new and higher meaning. True Occult Science deals extensively with that principle of Love, or Truth, which is the essence of Divinity. Man should spare no pains or expense in gaining knowledge and power, to help in loving service, to advance his fellow-men in pursuit of happiness here and hereafter. "The field is broad," and if properly understood, there is nothing which equals the Occult philosophy in satisfying the cravings of the human hearts. Its theories and their practice should go hand in hand.

The true Occultist occupies a throne. His throne is the will. He is able to say, "I will be what I will be." Through the power of thought he has direct control of vibration, and can always command thought, and direct and control thought which naturally depends on the will. As the will is controlled by Love, it is plain to be seen it must be gained through thought concentration and the Love principle from within.

Thought is very powerful when understood and properly applied. We sometimes find it very difficult to control the surging thoughts, the vitalizers of the brain, but with never-failing confidence victory must be ours. There is in each of us a potential something, trying to grow in the direction of good, attracted upward by the rays of the sun, which recuperates us in mind and body. I think if we follow out our ideas and inspirations and noble aspirations, there would be more harmony in contact with our associates.

As the law of life demands that there be an equality in interchange of thought with those with whom we come in close contact, it is easy to dwell in the thought that you have more power over yourself than any man can have over you.

The laws of life provide for, and maintain, every man's freedom, to choose what he will. If we believe more in the power of life to work in its true order than in its perverted condition, we are protected and safe. The forces of life create and control the whole world, as many of us know. Thought force is of value as a great developer of success.

But few of us know how to send out great positive thought waves of Love, Hope, and Cheer for the unfortunate ones who are in ignorance of this great power of thought vibration, that cannot be seen, nor heard, ordinarily; yet many of us have felt the thought vibrations of others, both near and far away. We too often waste our thought force, and do not put it to good advantage, by thinking failure and disaster all the time. We must feel positive to gain happiness and success, for thoughts are things, and come home to us as we send them out. As they have a drawing power that attracts to us the thoughts of others, therefore if we have thoughts of Love it will attract to us the Love of others; also, thoughts of Hate will attract, likewise, Hate, and so on.

A man makes his own surroundings, although he blames others for it. Now, just stop and think. Did you ever know a successful man who did not have a happy, strong, positive will and a kind heart, who never thinks failure, but goes ahead with the "I will win" thought which brings him success?—*E. W. W.*

## Helpful and Inspiring Thoughts

The whole duty of man is embraced in two principles of abstinence and patience; temperance in prosperity, and courage in adversity.—*Seneca.*

Knowledge has its beginning from the mind, its introduction from the senses. "The soul looketh steadily forward: creating a world always before her, leaving worlds always behind her."—*Emerson.*

Every evil to which we do not succumb is a benefactor. As the Sandwich Islander believes that the strength and valor of the enemies that he kills pass into himself, so we gain strength of the temptations we resist.—*Emerson.*

All are bigots who limit the Divine within the boundaries of their present knowledge. No man was ever great without divine inspiration.

Self-pity is a grievous fault and weakness. We cannot see straight nor clearly while we permit it to remain. It must be destroyed in all its roots and allowed no tendril or hiding-place. Nothing but the recognition of our freedom and responsibility at every point of our existence can destroy this thought. If we build our lives upon these principles we work with confidence and satisfaction, even though it be sometimes true that "with aching hands and bleeding feet we labor on—and bear the heat all day long, and wish 'twere done."



## THOUGHT HELD BY THE SILENT BROTHERHOOD

Thought to be held at 12 M.

Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace.—Nuhum i, 15.

Thought to be held at 9 P. M.

Great are thy tender mercies O Lord; quicken me according to thy judgment.—Psalm cxi, 156.

**L**IKE a clarion call is this first word of our noonday text. In the midst of the hurry and stress of active life, when perhaps your eyes are fixed upon the dark obstructions, or your hearts are heavy with burdens, this word "BEHOLD!" breaks in upon you. "Behold!" where? "UPON THE MOUNTAINS!" Ah, look up, not down; look up and way from the mists of the valley to the heights, the lofty plateaus of Truth, the states of a mind wherein you may perceive your Ideal, clothed in a finely woven garment of beautiful thoughts.

Does not the vision bring to you unspeakable gladness—are you not filled with transcendent peace as you look thus upon the mountain?

If, during one noon-time, you are thus comforted and blessed, how will it be when each day for a whole month you deliberately turn to the heights for the heavenly vision? Not long will it be before the cry "Behold!" will sound in your ears, the picture unasked appear before you. And as you grow more and more into the realization of the potency of this way of turning from things that seem, to things that are, you will find a certain magic power of helping others, of being to them the "bringer of glad tidings," the "publisher of peace," for so surely as one looks upon and LOVES an Ideal, so surely will he in time become its embodiment.

Above all else the aim of our Silent Brotherhood is to bless the world, by first discovering in our own Soul THE POWER THAT BLESSES. As we receive, we give. As we love our Most High, we also love our neighbor.

As we continually look up rather than down, we see the glorious vision that gives the pattern, and having the pattern, we conform our material to its gracious proportions. "AS THOU SEEST, THAT THOU BEEST." Not at the noon hour only, but in ALL HOURS (for the habit grows) we shall look for the beauty that brings gladness and the trust that brings peace. Our beautiful text will enable us continually to look upon the high places, yea, to dwell thereon. Out of our love-filled hearts will flow such words as will bring balm and healing to those who sorrow and suffer, light and warmth to those who are encompassed by darkness.

And they will say: "Oh, I see much more clearly now!" or, "I am able to take up the work again and press on with joy."

The evening text is a prayer, one most fitting the hour of retiring. Who cannot, if he will, find many tender mercies to be grateful for? The devotional, prayerful attitude is one most needful to the growing soul. It is this which makes childlikeness continual, and the learning of wisdom a never-ceasing privilege. To remind us of the Goodness that provides all our comforts, and creates every day new conditions for the manifestation of life and individuality, this beautiful prayer is one that cannot be said too often or realized too deeply. It prepares the way for the ardent yearning of the soul to be QUICKENED into greater life. "QUICKEN ME ACCORDING TO THY JUDGMENT." That is, WAKE WITHIN ME THAT WHICH IS SLEEPING. Make me MORE ALIVE in KNOWING AND DOING, according to Thy judgments.

Not what I, in the shortsightedness of the merely human sense, may deem necessary, but what in Thy Infinite Wisdom, from Thy Divine standpoint seest that I need, unfold within me. Lay before me in definite human conceptions, what may be wrought through my obedience into Divine realities, so apparent, so clear to all, that he who runs, though a fool, may read.

After the month of nightly fifteen-minute practice in speaking and meditating upon these words, you will be amazed at results at first undreamed of. A nearer, closer relation to the Father, a surer confidence, a greater diversity of knowledge will daily grow upon you and permeate your character and life.

Prayer will mean a real communion, a vital living bond of Divine and human fellowship, and as you learn through actual acquaintance to know and love God, you will also learn to know and love your brother. Our bond of fellowship, dear Brothers, is growing stronger, our love deeper, because we are learning day by day to be "bringers of glad tidings," "publishers of peace," and little children who pray to be taught according to the Divine judgments.

"Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." "For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people, but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.—Isa., LX, 1, 2.

MYSTIC No. 7.

This is a Spiritualistic Age. Were it not so there would not be so many grand and beautiful material things produced. By the Power of Spirit is manifested all things. Matter produces nothing; it is the clay; the Spirit is the sculptor, the Eternal Modeler. This is truly the Spiritualistic Age; in witness whereof behold our wondrous materialistic success! All thought, all things, all matter now respond to the Powerful and Omnipotent Spirit. Glory! Glory! The Kingdom of Blessedness becomes nearer and nearer each succeeding day! Every day is a blessed day, a blessed Thanksgiving Day! This is the Soul Age, the beginning of the Real Golden Age! Praise God forever!—The Blissful Prophet.

When in affliction that is the time to seek God, the ever nearest Present Help. God surely helps all who will earnestly come to Him. But the All-Father will not come between you and your own will.

O sea-gull, on the billow's crest  
Floating, or poising on strong wing  
Waiting for what the wave may bring  
And patient always in thy quest,  
Hast thou learned how to be at rest,  
Whether the surge swells high or low,  
Whether thy meed be weal or woe,  
Content to feel the ocean's breast?  
Teach me the peace that thou hast found;  
Share thou with me thy patient trust;  
Give me to know thy deepest joys;  
Then when I tread the toilsome round  
Of daily toil, as oft I must,  
Peace will be mine and perfect poise.  
—Henry K. Rowe.

The eternal Law of Life is perfect; it is man, by not obeying the Law, that keeps himself from perfection. Love, Pray, Listen and Obey and you will soon reach perfection—infinite perfection in a while.

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## A Recent Lecture by Dr. J. M. Peebles Before the Englewood Spiritualist Society

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that publisheth salvation, that saith unto Zion, thy god reigneth."—*Prophet Isaiah*.

"But speak thou the things that become sound doctrine."—*Paul to Titus*.

"And the ark . . . rested upon the Mountains of Ararat."—*Moses*.

"The world is my country; my religion is to do good."—*Thomas Paine*.



THE above passages constitute a trinity of individualities, each acting upon a specific plane of psychic unfoldment, with the mythic ark as a symbol. Individualities are permanent, while personalities are variant. Man in his innermost is a unit—a conscious spirit manifesting through million forces and forms. Light is one, and yet the one white ray that goes into the spectroscopic manifests outwardly the seven colors and more. The limits of the red and violet—the extremes to our eyes—are not in the

sun, but in the limited vision of the human eye. The invisibles are often the most potent reals. Strange and strong forces, all unseen, are playing about us, ranging from the demoniac to the angelic.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings," exclaimed the old Hebrew prophet. Mountains symbolize solidity and silent power. They voice aspiration, saying, "Come up higher, up on to these summits, and bathe in our first morning sunbeams."

Sanchoniaton, of Berytus; Confucius, Socrates, Jesus, Joan of Arc, Lillian Whiting, of a country farm hillside among the lilacs, honeysuckles and roses that beautify the gardens of the Empire State—these and other great inspired souls left, and are leaving, a mighty spiritual impress upon the agony and the coming centuries.

The basic foundation of the Roman Church is the authority traceable, it is claimed, through successive Popes to the "Head of the Church." The foundation of Calvinism is the Divine Sovereignty; of the Unitarians' reason; of the Quakers, the inner voice of conscience; of the Theosophists, reincarnation and karma, and of the Spiritualists, Spirit—absolute and immutable, the synonym of consciousness, of life, of purpose, of will, wisdom and love—in a word, God, personal and impersonal, immanent in and through all immensities and elements, the all-perfect life-giver, rightly denominated the Incomprehensible One. The human mind can comprehend only that which is inferior to itself.

### THE ABIDING FOUNDATION

Spirit being the foundation, of which substances, atoms and molecules are the varying shadows and multi-shaped garments, all abiding things must necessarily be spiritual rather than material. There is the shell, the soul and the spirit of things, of which the orange may be a fitting illustration, the outer peel representing the shell, the more refined well-rounded pulp the soul, and the life-embodiment seed the spirit—the latter afire with germinal force, prophetically symbolizing the future orange tree. The above figure may also descriptively symbolize triune man—body, soul (soul-body) and spirit.

All permanent realities, such as thoughts, ideas, principles, laws, forces, attractions, gravitation, cohesion, are absolutely invisible. Even the atom, upon which science predicates the molecule and the lofty mountain and the far-distant planet, is unseen even to the microscopic eye. Are atoms demonstrated realities, or are they working hypotheses?

### WHAT IS KNOWN OF ATOMS?

Will some materialist, or materialistic spiritist, tell us what they know about atoms? Are they points of force, fluidic whirls, vortex rings or hypotheses? It is Lord Kelvin's theory that matter is one measureless, homogeneous fluid, the rotating parts filling all space, the diversity being due to the arrangement of component whirls and vortices. But arrangement implies force, motion, purpose.

To say that matter is a combination of atoms is only saying that it is a combination of unknowables. The philosopher Berkeley denied *in toto* the existence of matter. It is further said, by way of definition, that matter is that which occupies space. But this does not aid in telling what matter is; it only specifies what matter does. But what makes it do? Do you say force? Aye, but what is force? Is it causative or negative, intelligent or non-intelligent? To pronounce it intelligent is to come squarely on to theistic grounds. To affirm that it is not intelligent thrusts the carping negationist into the pitiable arena of logically accounting for the knowable, such as consciousness, life, purpose, order, from two unknowables, matter and force.

Again, force cannot appear in a dynamical sense till there are two substances in dynamical relation—and now what caused the relation? Was it purpose or chance?

### WHAT IS LAW?

Law is not causative. Natural laws are not creative. They originate nothing. They are methods of operation, not the thinking, reasoning operators. They belong to man in the sphere of limitations. They are processes, not conscious powers. The law of gravitation is among the undiscovered forces. No one knows what gravitation is. Newton did not discover it. He only discovered its uniform process of action. No philosophic mind confounds the process, the action, with the cause of the action. To do so would be the essence of stupidity. No scientist doubts the reality of Newton's law of gravitation, by which every atom, near or remote, seemingly acts instantaneously upon every other atom; but this invisible law does not pretend to act where matter is not. At best, all matter is but variously graded substance, visible or invisible. Its ubiquity in some state of being is unquestioned. Some savants, however, have unwisely questioned its reality. This is an extreme view. Manipulated and condensed, it becomes palpable. Invisible steam converted into ice is an interesting example.

### THE INFILLING ETHER

Science postulates the existence of an ethereal medium, the ether of space, through which heat, light and other forms of radiant energy are transmitted. This ether is said to be as pliable as air, infinitely elastic, frictionless, more rigid than steel, solid as adamant, and yet, is absolutely invisible, invisible as are the intelligences that people the spaces above and around us. The five senses are not altogether illusive, as the Hindu Vedantists would say, neither are they infallible guides. They point toward, they assist, they are helps to the attainment of phenomenal facts and psychic truths.

While there is a correlation of physical forces; while heat, light, chemical affinity, etc., may be converted into each other, they are never transformed into consciousness. Upon this fact scientists are in agreement. This would be as morally impossible as that abandoned theory, "spontaneous generation," which Huxley, Tyndall, Beale, Coues, Lodge, Virchow, Tonnebaum and other authoritative scientists pronounced, after a long series of crucial experiments, unproven, and more, an utter impossibility! An egg manufactured from wood or stone, and one produced by a barnyard fowl, though in shape, color and weight precisely alike, are not convertible into each other, neither are they equally productive.

### SENSATION AND THE SENSES

The physical senses have to do with the objective in nature, with the physical body, which is a microcosm of the earthly elements and the auras from which it is composed and evolved, and the constituents of which may be proximately determined by scientific analysis. The body does not feel, the eye does not see, but the conscious spirit feels through the body, sees through the eye and hears clair-audiently through the ear. The opening of these senses comes through concentration, trusting passivity, the mastery of the lower nature and the persistent uplift of the better soul emotions. Sensation is manifest everywhere; from the ameba to the tenderest flower, onward to the more conscious, and upward to reasoning man with 12,000,000 brain cells, the crowning glory of nature. Impressions rush in upon man from every direction; but the conscious spirit, the divine Ego, while passively receiving these impressions from thousand objects, is not at this time in its highest stage of self-activity. The sense perceptions do not philosophize. They are absorbing sponges; but when the essential spirit, conscious of its consciousness, cognizes these impressional phenomena and reflects upon them, it ascends to a higher form of activity. This may be denominated attention, coupled with persistence in search of truth.

### COMPELLING CONVICTION

Crucial investigation, research, reason and judgment, connected with intuition, compel conviction—compel the "I know." The pursuance of these varied processes in the vast field of phenomena, physical, mental, telepathic and psychical, has converted millions to a knowledge of the fact that individual intelligence, identity and memory continue after the painful event termed death. Connected with and above the foregoing process in the line of research is intuition—pure, philosophical knowing, knowing without the tedious method of examining and reasoning. This is spirit manifest—spirit correlated to the Infinite Spirit—spirit that does not believe, but knows—spirit that does not remember, but intuitively knows. This is not

merely the higher, but absolutely the highest Spiritualism, cognizing God, the changeless Consciousness of the universe, as the all-energizing Presence.

Pure Spirit, in conscious activity, is the standard of truth, and Spiritualism is sustained by the highest intuitions of all the advanced races. Though not the Ultima Thule, though not a finality, it is in harmony with the great law of evolution and the perpetual ministry of angels. It is in agreement with pure reason. It is in accordance with the heart's sweetest hopes and in consonance with the soul's highest inspirations. Its higher, nobler thoughts are found in the inspired teachings of all religious books, whether of the Orient or of the Occident, and its sacred voice to each mortal is, "Live to-day for to-day, for to-morrow, for eternity!"

### THE SUNNY SIDE OF THE CHURCHES

So far, we have dwelt upon the philosophy and sunny side of Spiritualism. But the churches have their sunny sides, and should not sunbeams mingle and work with sunbeams? In the aggregate Christian churches are bulwarks of good morals and reform. They have their uses. They are our brothers and their motives are good. Wisdom does not denounce. The builder is preferable to the waster. Demolish, then, neither church edifice nor cathedral, but build the better, the more beautiful and spiritual by their sides. Invite them to come into our temples. It is not the rough winter winds that relieve the tempest-swept trees of their dry leaves, but the warm spring sunshine.

### SEARCHING FOR THE GOOD

In this age of search and research people generally find what they hunt for. If they seek for roses and violets, they find them. Let us apply this principle to the churches. The Roman Catholic Church testifies against wrong-doing, honors the Virgin Mother, prays for the dead, teaches purgatorial progress, approved through Leo XIII of the higher criticism, and encourages the ennobling work done by the Sisters of Charity.

The Episcopal Church, in its fourfold forms of manifestation, the ritualistic, high church, low church and broad church, functioning under different aspects in different countries, urges all men to live the upright, spiritual life, using forms, symbols, ceremonies and superior music for the accomplishment of such ends.

Methodism is a religious enthusiasm made practical. The Wesleys were ministered to from the intelligences of the higher world. Methodism's devotion to freedom, to temperance, to reforms, with its organizations for specific work, is decidedly praiseworthy. The zeal of Methodists is conclusive proof of their sincerity. I relish their enthusiastic hallelujahs!

Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Baptists exercise perfect autonomy in the arrangement of their own ecclesiastical affairs, combining liberty with their religious convictions. Their missionary movements and their benevolent work in erecting homes for the orphans and the aged are worthy of all commendation.

The Unitarians, cultured, clear-headed and ethical, invite us to their Sunday literary feasts. These are nutritive, classical and comforting. They preach the Fatherhood of God and extol the brotherhood of all races and colors.

New Churchmen, pointing backward to Swedenborg, who for twenty-seven years held converse with angels, spirits and demons, tenders the world the key of correspondence, declaring that Biblical passages—all external objects, in fact—relate to a spiritual state of consciousness, which, if understood, inspires reverence and purity of life.

The Salvation Army, noisy, plain in dress, pure in purpose, well organized, vigorous in moral battle against wrong, gathering in an outcast here, a reeling drunkard there, redeeming and training them for usefulness, is proof that the lowest of the erring may be reached and redeemed.

The Quakers, abiding by the inner light, emphasizing the promptings of the spirit and its superiority over books, beads and shrine-inviting pilgrimages, insist upon the principles of peace, brotherhood, personal veracity, self-control, punctuality in keeping promises and living an orderly life.

The Shakers, harbingers of those epiphanous manifestations that supplanted a dim, half-hopeless, churchian faith, with the knowledge of a future conscious existence, have from the days of Mother Ann pronounced woman the equal of man. Their industry and exquisite neatness, their arbitration principles, their worshipful marching to music, their all things in common after the principle of the primitive apostolic church in Jerusalem, solve the problem of equality and the long prophesied practicability of the golden rule.

The Disciples, or Christians (now called), shine as a bright, liberal cluster of stars in the constellation of religious denominations. They have no creed. They take the New Testament as their guide. They are broad-minded and devotional.

Theosophists, Mr. Leadbeater being the Anglo-American expounder, are largely our co-workers, and constantly coming nearer to us. Already do our palms touch.



## NOAH'S ARK

These ecclesiastical denominations constitute a veritable twentieth century "Noah's Ark," full of all kinds of struggling life—and all life on whatever plane relates directly or remotely to the Divine Life. But where are the Mountains of Ararat for the life-laden Ark to rest? Human beings are wandering—where is the true path? They are heart-sick—where is the physician? They are weary—where is the resting place? Yes! they are pilgrims seeking a shrine, passengers sailing on the billowy ocean of time—who is the pilot? Where is the port? Are the dark waters of materialism subsiding? Is there no sign—no voice from the abyss—no demonstration?

Why doubt? Why fear? See! from the anchored Ark in heaven above, the combined hierarchies of celestial angels in council, there comes a dove—a message-bearing dove, with an olive branch in its beak! It is a prophecy and a message, and this blessed, brilliant message is immortality—the good tidings of a future life demonstrated; in brief, Spiritual truth realized as rooted in God, who is Infinite Spirit, and in man, who is essentially a finite spirit.

## THE ROCK OF AGES

Spirit! This is the rock of ages, the prophetic stone cut from the mountain, the well of water which was to spring up into everlasting life. "Ho! every one that thirsteth, come ye and drink"—come ye and feast upon this bread of life, which through psychic channels "comes down daily out of heaven."

But "mark well," as our Masonic Fraternity says, whether it came in tremulous oscillations, in mental impressions, in trances or in night visions, it came, this new inflowing of the spirit—I repeat, came not to form a new religious sect, not to institute a fixed creed, not to ordain a priesthood, not to teach the clerical "art of preaching," not to insist upon any one doctrine as a finality nor to build up any new church organization. No, none of these! The soul's pleading call to-day is not for the mould of Mesopotamia, nor for the moth-eaten parchments of old Iran, nor for the stilted oratory of the pseudo-scientific materialist, but for love, charity and freedom to lead that newer, higher life idealized in the Christ.

## THE PURPOSE OF THE SPIRIT

The material is but a changing, shimmering shadow. The spirit that quickeneth is the real verity. This spirit comes in cycles. It appeared with influxing force with past Messiahs. It comes at the opening of every new dispensation to phenomenally demonstrate a future existence to the doubting materialist. But phenomena, like scaffoldings to buildings, are temporary. Signs and wonders, as crutches to cripples, belong to the childhood period of growth.

The spirit of old came like a rushing, mighty wind. It comes to-day in power to convict, to suggest, to inspire, to enlighten, to free the bound captive, to awaken the soul to a deep self-consciousness, to so illumine familiar conceptions as to make them alive with a new potency, to impart a profounder consciousness of the soul's responsibility, to more thoroughly spiritualize the perceptions and so establish on earth the peaceful reign of love and universal brotherhood.

## THE NEW THOUGHT

Emphatically do I accept the New Thought, and more, I accept not only it, but them, in the plural. I accept and promulgate all new thoughts that are good and true, and seek for more.

Millions of new thoughts flash up in the world's inspired souls daily. These vibrating outward in ether waves move sensitive mortals as rushing mighty winds move forest trees. Many of the new thoughts, so called, are old to the Alcotts, the Thoreaus and the heaven-inspired psychologists of this era. Because a certain individual has a new thought—new to him—he should not infer that it is new to others. To weigh his ignorance in the older scales of others' knowledge is pitiable. Modesty is a precious virtue. All new thoughts are neither necessarily true nor good. The power to climb stairs implies the reverse. There may be bad thoughts. If not, then man is an automaton, a forced bit of machinery, and not morally responsible.

The regally unfolded thinker thinks maturely, logically. His grasp is not one-sided. He is broad-minded and self-balanced. He holds still in the hottest fires. Ebullition and irritability give place to that patience which endureth all things. They have attained self-mastery. Their words do not have a metallic sound, but are as tender and kindly as summer zephyrs.

The New Thought is liberalism under another name. It is thrice welcome to my soul.

"The grandest heroes who have graced the earth Were love-filled souls who did not seek the fray, But chose the safe, hard, high and lonely way Of selfless labor for a suffering world."

## OUR ENNOBLING AIM

In using the word "our" I have no reference to those few belligerent spiritists who deny the existence of God and Christ, who ridicule prayer and that religion, whether Oriental or Occidental, which makes for righteousness. Ephraim is joined to his idols, negation and destruction; pitying him, we pass on. Speaking of "our," I refer to the consensus of the

world's illumined, to those who have achieved some mastery of the mind over matter, and function in the coronal rather than the basilar brain region. The religious sentiment is innate in human nature. It is reported that Abraham Lincoln said he would join any church whose essentials were love to God and love to man. And the patriotic and pronounced Theist, Thomas Paine, declared that his "religion was to do good." What a grand sentiment!

As Christianity was an outgrowth from Judaism, so Spiritualism was an outgrowth from Christianity. Its birth-manger was in a Hydesville family of Methodists. Not churchianity, but Christianity and Spiritualism constitute the Old and New Testaments which demonstrate a future life and insist that holiness is a finality. The divine fountain is infinite. Neither of them is a finality. The wisest have but touched the edge of the broad-sweeping ocean of truth.

If the genius of the Spirit be progress—if it be love and toleration and social equality of opportunities—if its purpose be to enlighten and spiritualize, then our attitude toward all religious denominations must be that of the tenderest brotherliness. We should meet them more than half-way, and then show forth the practical excellences of our angelic converse and fellowship.

To profess and not possess is hypocrisy. Are not all religionists our fellow-citizens, and do they not have some truths? Are they not just as conscientious as we are, just as true to their convictions, just as honorable in their dealings, just as neighborly in their social life, just as benevolent, self-sacrificing and manly as ourselves?

## SIGNAL DANGERS ALONG THE COAST

Are there no dangers connected with the study of Spiritualism? They are manifold. And among them the artificial scheme of "developing mediums," of "teaching slate-writing" and of believing the "thus saith" of every spirit, of opening the brain's doors to every wandering ghost, of hypnotizing one another for development, of giving up the entire personality to the control of unseen entities behind the screen, of hunting for buried treasures, of patronizing midnight materializations, of using stimulating drinks after séances to restore the loss of vitality, of being promiscuously hypnotized to develop clairvoyance or clairaudience, and sitting in large promiscuous séances, hand in hand, in ill-ventilated rooms, singing "John Brown's body is mouldering in the grave." These rude séances are all too often the manufacturers of frauds and physical wrecks, and worse—they are the dismal dens of obsessions, leading to, if not plunging their victims into, lunatic asylums. Though as sorrowfully as sincere, I say deliberately that in my opinion seven-tenths of the insane in mad-houses are the obsessed subjects of visible or invisible hypnotists.

Whether incarnate or discarnate, these hypnotists are often selfish, gross and unclean. Some of them are very vampires. The psychic aura enveloping them is gray and cloudy, or dark as the shadows of Erebus. Their hypnotic touch is spiritually poisonous.

No psychic experimentalist ever confounds hypnotism and mesmerism. They are as unlike as spiritism and Spiritualism, or as selfish commercialism and altruistic socialism.

Spiritualism is absolutely non-sectarian. Its grand purpose was, as I conceive it, to demonstrate the fact of a future existence and substitute the "I know" for the "I believe;" to enjoin scientific and secular education, rather than theological training; to lay the axe at the root and lead in all needed reforms; to seize upon and assimilate every new thought that is a true thought; to put conduct and character in place of class or caste, whether based on blood or gold; to quicken the innate moral nature, to inspire free thought and discovery, to spiritualize humanity and establish the wide world over the great principles of justice, mercy, equality of opportunity and universal brotherhood.

## THE SPIRIT WORD OF HEALING

When the Syrian woman touched the "hem" of Christ's garment it is reported that "he felt virtue (mesmeric force) go out of him," and he so felt, so consciously cognized this because he was the very soul of virtue, goodness and purity.

Such great messengers, whether Christed of old or Christed to-day, carry with them a health-giving force, not only in their garments, but in their calm, materially untouched presence. They heal unconsciously, by their personal magnetism. They also heal by suggestion, by faith and by will power. "I will," said Jesus, "be thou clean." Writing to an invalid friend Emerson said, "I beseech you to be well." These words were as winged arrows. They sped on the ether waves of vibration with a healing, harmonizing balm.

All healing power, as an ultimate, is spirit relating to involution and evolution, but mostly to a potent, out-putting involution through the conscious "I will" of the undying Ego, the immortal, indwelling God. All great, inspired souls who startle, move and uplift the world are heaven-illumined and spirit-intoxicated.

## TWO EMINENT EPOCH MEN

It is among the pleasant memories of a long life that I had not only the honor of taking by the

hand, but of listening to the lectures of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Alfred R. Wallace. Conversing in his library upon matters radical and spiritual, Emerson remarked: "The universe is to me one grand spiritual manifestation." And attending the International Association of Spiritualists in London, I listened to the following words of Wallace:

"I have nothing new to tell about the phenomena of Spiritualism, but I can tell you what my Spiritualism has led me to. It has led me to a deep consciousness of the needs of humanity, to a vast field of needed social reform, to devising the most effective method of helping the struggling poor to help themselves—of how to sacrifice selfish and private ends for the universal good, and how to place the weary feet of millions of honest toilers upon the firm foundation of such altruistic principles as, when actualized, shall make daily home life a blessing and a benediction."

"Give us your help," writes the eloquent Willard J. Hull, editor of the *Light of Truth*, "so that the twentieth century may find Christ's gospel, Christ's economics, Christ's manliness, Christ's patience, for the first time in the history of Spiritualism, the one working hypothesis of those who call themselves Spiritualists."

Lillian Whiting, the brilliant writer and author, thus adds her testimony: "True Spiritualism is simply the result—the inevitable result—of the full acceptance of the spiritual teachings of Jesus, of the love His presence inspired, of the authority of the inspirations of the Bible, and of the latter-day revelations of science."

The erudite Dr. E. D. Babbitt, in his magnificent work, "Religion as Revealed in the Material and Spiritual Universe," when afire with the spirit of truth, wrote:

"The Christ of Nazareth, standing upon that spiritual wave of old, baptizing with the spirit and with magnetic fire, winnowed the chaff from the wheat, and laid the 'axe on the root of the tree' of Pharisaic pride, selfishness and corruption. . . . Each of us should live out the golden rule in daily life, and lay up spiritual treasures in heaven. . . . There is an unsurpassed sweetness in these expressions of His, 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the peace-makers; blessed are the pure in heart; blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,' a heaven here and now."

In its infinite reach and broad, vibrating expanse, Spiritualism means the manifesting God, the motherhood of nature and the brotherhood of man. It means this hour, this day and its duties—this day, and rightly making the most of it. It means the to-morrow—a future life—eternity. It means the energizing, overshadowing potency of the liberalizing movements that gladden humanity under all skies. It means toleration, sympathy, brotherhood, temperance, anti-capital punishment, women's suffrage, equality of opportunity, co-operative socialism, arbitration and international peace, the higher Theosophy, the new thought and every other grand, redemptive movement that the gods are waiting to crown with victory.

Putting in the background all non-essentials and Oriental speculations, our real needs are unity of purpose, concord of action in all constructive work and benevolent enterprises, whether initiated by ourselves or by the various religious denominations of the country. It is not dogma, but love—the cement of love—that unites. Everyone's honest convictions should be respected. None are infallible. It was Franklin in those old colonial times who told the Americans that if "they did not hang together, they would hang separately." Certainly, in union there is strength, and temporal organizations for the dissemination of such great principles as the innate, infinite worth of man, and the grandeur of his destiny, are necessities. Forget the lines of the old hymn—

Would He devote His sacred head for such a worm as I?  
This is the withering, wormy philosophy of a pitiful pessimism. Man is not a worm, but an embryo angel, a royal prince, germinally a son of God. "It doth not yet appear," wrote the apostle, "what we shall be." Wayside weeds, when cultivated by tender hands, become garden flowers.

## "MEDIUM" ABANDONED

Setting aside just now the thought and knowledge of fakes and fraud infestations under the name of mediums, and forgetting the mediumistic wrecks that once posed along the coast-line of spiritism, I feel to say—and say it pressingly—that the word "medium" is not the most appropriate word to apply to those who, consciously or unconsciously, function between the worlds visible and invisible. It is too coarse and material. It is too devoid, by general usage, of sensitiveness. A door hinge is a medium for a swinging door. A railway is a medium for freight and cattle conveyance. A rifle is a medium in wicked hands for murder.

The more proper words and terms, considering the moral nature, the personal responsibility and true soul unfoldment, are sensitives, seers or psychic intermediaries. These words, philologically considered, admit of the widest and deepest significance, and those worthy of them become spiritual kings and queens—the message-bearers from an en zoning, overarching cloud of witnesses, the Olympian lindens gracing the mountain tops, catching the first



rising sunbeams of inspiration and transmitting them downward to feed the hungering souls of humanity!

#### A VOICE FROM THE SILENCE

To your tents, O Israel! the Israel of to-day, and listen! On a mossy line of marble pillars fronting Herod's temple off from the court of the Gentiles, was inscribed in Greek and Latin, "No foreigner may go farther under penalty of death." Sad is the reflection that the old Herodian era has not yet utterly perished. Walls of ancient, and fences of feudal, times still exist. They exist between countries, religions and families. But, thanks to the Supreme God, no mercenary aristocrat, no Oriental caste nor soul-shriveled bigot, can fence away God's summer showers, still the music of forest birds, nor bottle up the odors of the million flowers that heartless syndicates and multi-millionaires selfishly call "mine—mine."

The era of "ours—ours" is coming. The resurrection trumpet has sounded. Those that have rightly attuned ears to hear, already hear.

The burden of the voice is silence—the Gospel of the Spirit to me, to you, to scientists, religionists and reformers, is—unfold and widen, or wither; grow, or die. Your feet may bleed in the march, but go on. Accept the good and the true from whatever source, and appropriate it. Call nothing in the field of uses common or unclean; under the crumbling skeleton the grasses are green. The sheeted snows of winter protect the soil-tiller's wheat. Temporary failures point to coming successes, and the tears of evening oft crystalize ere morning into purest diamonds.

This life is a school of discipline and experience, out of which we graduate one by one into a higher life of infinitely better facilities. Be it our individual missions to patiently, uncompromisingly toil, to trust, and to fraternally, unselfishly work with all true workers, regardless of country or creed or station in life, remembering that it is character inspired by love and guided by wisdom that, saving, tenders the crown.

"Love is the theme that the seraph chimes,  
Are now hymning through the stars;  
And we catch the strains from their golden lyres,  
When our souls let down their bars."

#### Euris

William E. Leonard, in *Practical Ideals*

EURIS, who loved the sunrise and the night  
And silver regions of the winter sky,  
Valleys and flowers and shadows of the clouds  
On purple mountains in the golden fall,  
Euris would challenge Truth. So on a day  
He sailed from Athens in a Punic bark  
Over meridian seas to Egypt old,  
And came, the salt breeze still amid his hair,  
With hand that clasped the golden bow of hope,  
To Memphis plain and faced the placid Sphinx  
(Pressing his pulsing brow).

Hardby the Nile,

With venerable ease, rolled down the snows  
Of ancient Ethiop to the ancient sea.  
Then Euris spake, the voluble young Greek:  
"Chaire, thou Symbol of the Unperplexed!  
O open those shut lips! What hearest thou  
From out the eternal winds that sweep thine ears,  
From out the blue day domed around thy head,  
From out the sun and stars and quiet march  
Of secret waters by the ruined sands?  
O open those shut lips! What seest thou  
With those beholding eyes of Time and Death  
And the dim steps of years? Their shrouded feet  
How oft have startled me in pleasant things,  
Even when I plucked the Greek anemones  
Or rowed with comrades off Piræus port.  
What seest thou, that thou canst front them here—  
Here in the desert, steadfast and alone?  
Speak! Is the veil about the universe  
Of woven evening and the spangled night,  
Of poppy field and hill and ocean stream  
A perishable garment? If it be,  
Is there a godlike nakedness behind—  
White as the vision throned on Melos isle,  
Our Aphrodite? from whose breasts of fame  
The beautiful robes, even to the bended thigh,  
Are fallen away, revealing Deity?  
Mysterious Vigil, speak to me, O speak!"

Then spake the Sphinx in few, the wary Sphinx:  
"Mortal, the sand is deep, ah, very deep,  
That locks the hidden places of my feet;  
My brain is of the rock that makes the hills  
And that is obdurate, abiding long;  
I wait the cycles of the centuries—  
I am not yet all-spirit, not yet all-wise,  
Albeit the Symbol of the Unperplexed."

Then Euris, broken for reply, and still,  
Laid down the golden bow. And on a day  
Sailed back to Athens in a Punic bark  
Over meridian seas from Egypt old;  
And dwelt in Hellas, having challenged Truth.

But ever he loved the sunrise and the night  
And silver regions of the winter sky,  
Valleys and flowers and shadows of the clouds  
On purple mountains in the golden fall.  
(The which I hold right wise and like a Greek  
And profitable for doctrine.) Then he died.

## FEAR NOT

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For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.—*Job*.



FEAR is the great destroyer. It always tears down and never builds up.

And yet fear has no basis in Truth. It is created by our own imaginations and is due solely to a lack of faith or confidence in that Power which guides and upholds the universe.

One of the grand aims of the New Thought movement is to forever dispel fear from the human soul and to replace it with a calm, serene, quiet confidence in the stability and goodness of the One Life which manifests in our individual lives.

There is only One Life in the universe, and we are a part of that Life. Why, then, should we fear?

Our fears alone create the evils which come upon us. Our fears alone give life and substance to the forces which seem to oppose us.

Through a well-known psychic law we tend to attract those things which we fear. Thought is a mighty, creative power, and if we indulge in fear thoughts as a matter of habit, we get corresponding results.

We are like a little child who, with tense nerves and straining muscles, watches in the dark for the bogey-man to come.

But all fear is due to ignorance. We fear that which we do not understand. In proportion as we become familiar with forces of nature and learn how to employ them we find them friendly and good. The savage looks with awe and dread upon the manifestations of electricity, while to civilized man it is an almost indispensable addition to his comfort and well-being.

"But how about accidents?" someone may ask. "Do we not sometimes meet with horrible calamities that come to us out of a clear sky, and have we not cause for fear in these?" All accidents come to us by the inevitable action of psychic law. Somewhere and somehow we ourselves set in operation the cause which makes possible all the accidents—so-called—which come to us.

The one who has an all-powerful faith and trust in the eternal goodness of things, who is willing to give up his own personal will and be guided by the Will of the universe, will find himself attracted to paths of peace and harmony and protected from such disintegrating forces as he is not prepared to meet.

By faith, calm and serene, you attract to yourself vibrations of harmony. You enter upon harmonious relations with all the universe. You see yourself as a part of the One Life, which is altogether good, and fear departs from you. The elements and all the forces of nature become your cherished friends. They, too, are a part of that great Whole in which you have your being.

Underneath all seeming inharmony you perceive the forces of wisdom and love forever working. What seems like chance is all based upon eternal law. And this law is altogether good.

What, then, becomes of your fears? They are baseless fabrics of the imagination, mere shadows cast on the negative side of Eternal Truth. Through faith you assume friendly relations toward all the forces and powers in the universe, and they in turn are friendly toward you. Only that which you resist and fear has power to harm you.

Faith and love will cast out all fear from the soul of man. Faith is the secret of the Mystic's power. The Great Mystic Adepts, Seers and Prophets know that "all is good" and that this universe is not run by chance, but governed by eternal laws which are beneficent in their action.

These great souls are not deceived and hypnotized by the senses and the experiences of the material life. They place all their trust in the Eternal Principle of Being, and know that only good can come to them. They know that each experience is a needed lesson. They have strength to meet all difficulties with a calm, poised mind and with peace in their hearts, because they are at-one with the source of all Life, and know that this Life works through them for their own highest good and the good of others. They know that they are eternal souls, that the real, essential part of their being is not an ephemeral thing, but a part of Eternal Principle, and that whatever may become of the outward form the soul cannot suffer harm.

Nine-tenths of that which we fear is placed in the future and never materializes. Learn to live in the present. Learn to keep your mind free from fear thoughts as you would keep your house free from dirt.

Fear always weakens; Faith strengthens. Fear brings about you a host of negative vibrations,

which seek to mislead you. Faith brings you out into the clear, bright sunlight of eternal truth.

Faith can be cultivated in a practical manner. First, watch your thoughts and keep out fear. Then practice going alone in the blessed silence while you wait for the birth of faith. Learn to let the silent, loving vibrations of the Great Whole permeate you. Think of yourself as one with the great, loving, all-powerful Life of the universe. Think of everything as friendly to you. Recognize no enemies. Fear no evil. And, above all, keep still and listen for the voice of your own soul.

Out of the stillness will come peace and faith and love.

Out of the stillness will come the knowledge that all things are friendly to you and working for your best good.

Fear will poison the secretions of the body and destroy bodily tissue. Faith will build up the body and restore all its functions to normal action.

Fear forever keeps you from expressing the best that is in you. It is the great paralyzer of all progress. Fear is the personification of the orthodox devil, and once fear is banished from the minds of men even death itself will fade into the background.

He who fears is a slave. He accepts and magnifies every adverse suggestion that comes his way. He looks with doubt and trembling upon every new situation. He is a prey to countless imaginings, which would disappear entirely if he would but seek the sunlight within his own soul.

Man will continue to be tortured with nameless fears until he learns that he is an eternal part of the One Life of the universe, and until he is willing to give up his personal will completely to the guidance of this One Life.

There is peace and joy in the consciousness of our oneness with the Father of all. Let us learn to say, in the words of the grand old poet, Whittier:

Amid the maddening maze of things,  
And tost by storm and flood;  
To one fixed trust my spirit clings—  
I know that God is good.

I know not where His islands lift  
Their fronded palms in air;  
I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond His love and care.

Come, beloved, seek that which is real. Why feed on husks continuously? Why live in "dreams of the air"? Why this thralldom? Come, let us break the chains of illusion and delusion forged by traditional doctrines and dogmas and carnal mind, and be free, absolutely free. We must suffer as long as we continue to chase unreal phantoms and to embrace shadows. The illusion of illusions is to identify the eternal ego with the temporal body. "So far as we identify the ego with the body and the 'carnal mind,' we shall be lost, and that by law, immutable, and even beneficent."

The spiritual man is always progressive; he delights in every new invention and discovery that is good for mankind; he never envies, censures or criticizes the fortunate and successful men and women of the world; indeed, he enjoys their success fully as much as they do; he has only optimistic joy in his being, and is never tinged with envy, jealousy and pessimism. Blessed, indeed, is he who lives in the Spirit which moveth all things and sustaineth all that is good, true and beautiful. And pray, tell me, what is ugly to the Eternal Eye?—*A Mystic*.

Death of body is not the end of life; it is only the beginning of a new round of life on a higher, better, purer, lighter plane of action.—*Frank Harrison*.

The old dogma of theologians was always gruesome and pessimistic; Truth always fires and inspires the soul with Joy, Peace and Hope; Truth fills and instills our minds with righteousness and makes life a glad song and not a mournful dirge; the text of the Truth in any religion is whether it has power to lift the bind and grind of life, and whether it frees us from thralldom. There is no spirituality in any system of religion that makes us cringing cowards and fearful weaklings. There can be no joy or peace or noble deeds in a man who has not a lofty conception of God. Dogmatic and Pragmatic theology means pessimism, and pessimism means stagnation; a pure and fervent love for a great loving Father means optimism, and optimism always stands for love, hope and faith.—*A Mystic of The Mystic Success Club*.

Love, like genius, obeys no law but its own.—*Andrew Jackson Davis*.

"The great man does not lose his child heart."



# The Mystic Healing Circle

## LET US GIVE YOU HEALTH

"Your Body is the Garden, Your Soul is the Gardener, Your Birth-Right is Health."

### HOW WE HELP THE SICK

Any of our readers who are suffering from sickness of any kind are requested to write a personal letter to our Mystic Adept Spiritual Healer. Tell him candidly the nature of your disease and he will immediately give you SPECIAL TREATMENT, surrounding you with MYSTIC HEALING VIBRATIONS, also giving you TRUTHS that will UNFOLD THE KNOWLEDGE OF LIFE'S LAWS, revealing the secret of PERFECT HEALTH AND LONG LIFE.

This is truly a spiritual work and cannot be estimated by dollars and cents. IF YOU ARE SICK YOU WANT OUR HELP, AND WE ARE EQUALLY ANXIOUS TO HELP YOU, UNTRAMMELED BY THE DOLLAR MARK.

We want every one of our readers to be HEALTHY, STRONG AND VIGOROUS. If you are sick or suffering, let our MYSTIC ADEPT SPIRITUAL HEALER RESTORE YOUR HEALTH. We now find that we can carry on this great work for the small sum of \$1.00 a month for each person (husband and wife as one person). Many of our friends who have so kindly sent large sums of money to help establish this grand work are hereby notified that \$1.00 from each person will now pay all the necessary expenses. We are pleased to make this announcement, as it shows how little money is required to do good and help each other when the right spirit is manifest.

When writing for vibrations kindly give full given name instead of initials.

In writing enclose a two-cent stamp for reply. Address Mystic Adept No. 12.

We print a few of the many letters received from grateful hearts who have been blessed by the work of Mystic No. 12. Should you wish to aid in this great work and help the sick please send in a few words that we may publish.

## "LET THERE BE LIGHT"

### Intuition

By Mystic No. 12

To those who are seeking health in The Mystic Healing Circle, I say: There is quite a difference whether you act from your own intuition, or because someone told you to so act. The one is freedom, the other slavery.

When I tell you that bran is good to eat because it cannot be digested, I do not mean to say that bran is the only kind of food that cannot be digested.

I wish to help you to help yourself, to act from your own intuition. I wish to add to your food; to tell you of that which will better nourish your body, and also please the appetite. A person can "diet" all their life and still have dyspepsia. There comes to me the pleasant recollection of many years ago, one of those Indian summer days when the Lake was like a mirror and all Nature was resting from her summer labor. It was the last day of my vacation at the Lake, and it seemed as if the good mother had given a new charm to the hot graham gems, milk, corn fritters, corn on the cob, scalloped tomatoes, peaches and cream, grapes and health-food dishes that only a good cook knows how to serve. All honor and glory to a good cook. Sing her praises and give her honor and glory.

A mother writes and says:

Dear Mystic No. 12—I thank God and I thank you for the great good you are doing me. It is blessed to be able to give such great help to others. The wheat mush, baby and I eat every morning, and it is wonderful that I have no trouble with her or myself, about regular movements of the bowels. I have had to give her some medicine always, or her bowels did not move. As to myself, a great peace and much strength are coming to me. The blessed help I have received since I became a member of The Mystic Healing Circle is more than I can ever tell you.

Notice the oats that horses eat. A large proportion of it cannot be digested, but it gives the lower bowel a sort of gymnastic exercise, acting much the same way as a fly does on a bald-headed man—it gets up an action at once. Apply the same law when eating apples, cherries, plums, grapes, etc. Drink water freely—a little at a time, often during the day. This helps to float away the waste material in the system. Distilled water is the purest and best.

A mystic has given us much wisdom in these few words: "Keep the head cool, the feet warm, and the bowels open." At this season of the year it is a good plan to have a jug of hot water at the feet, in bed, at night.

### "I Have New Hope"

Mystic No. 12, Dear Brother—Your second message received yesterday, and am pleased to tell you that I feel as though I have new hope and faith, and I will put these noble thoughts which your writings inspire into my every-day life.

### "I Felt Stronger Than Before"

Mystic No. 12, Beloved Brother—The night of Oct. 21, about the time my letter asking your aid must have reached you, I suffered one of the most agonizing attacks I've ever had, from ten at night until morning. The rushing of blood to my heart seemed as though it would kill me, but while heretofore I have endured the greatest mental anguish at such times, this night, even while I could not hold my body still on my bed, my soul was filled with the most perfect peace, and I felt like laughing outright. The entire room seemed to vibrate with "Peace, be still," "Peace, be still," and the next morning, instead of being utterly exhausted as usual after such attacks, I felt stronger than before I had it, and oh, so joyous! And I am so glad to tell you that this state has never left me. I am gaining in every way. My husband says I look like myself for the first time in a year. I was so glad to get the printed matter, and you may be sure that I was not long in memorizing it, so I have it with me all the time. I send a dollar for another month's treatment, and now that my husband has seen the magical effect on me, he wants to be remembered.

Mrs. H.

### "Am About to Become a Member of the Mystic Success Club"

Dear Mystic No. 12—I have taken a month's treatment with you and am certainly much improved in health. Have been able to do my work and have not been nervous once. It is certainly wonderful, and I am very grateful to you. I have obtained the required number of subscribers and am about to become a member of The Mystic Success Club.

Yours very gratefully,

P. G. L.

### "Have Become Reconciled"

Dear Brother No. 12—Less than one month have my daughter and I been under your treatment, yet we have become reconciled to each other. Thanks to the dear Lord and yourself. I cannot find words to express my gratitude, but God knows how I feel and you can imagine. Inclosed find one dollar for another month's healing vibrations. May God bless every member of "The Mystic Circle" is my constant prayer.

Mrs. M.

### "I Am Eating Bran Candy"

Mystic No. 12, Dear Brother—The month has expired of your treatment. I will say I have been feeling well through the treatment. My bowels are better. I am eating bran candy. It's fine. Also whole wheat. Yesterday and to-day my stomach has troubled me some—so much gas. I did not know but that it was indigestion. Would you call it that?

C. W. S.

When one first uses bran or food of like nature that cannot be digested, the result is often a stirring up of the old dead and dry conditions—causing flatulency. This is really a good symptom, and need give you no alarm, as it will cease in time.

### "I Am Improving Rapidly"

Mystic Adept No. 12—You have done me so much good in one month's treatment that I will send you another dollar for another month's treatment. I am improving rapidly. I for another month's treatment. I am improving rapidly. I for another month's treatment. I am improving rapidly. I for another month's treatment. I am improving rapidly.

Yours in Faith,  
Mrs. M. S.

### "It Has Brought Me Peace"

Dear Mystic No. 12—About a month ago I sent for your "How to Pray and What is Right Living." I have memorized it, and made it my daily companion. It has brought me peace many times. As I have nothing more substantial to thank you for, I give them freely, gladly. I am trying to help myself and get freedom from disease. It has been a long, hard fight, but I am where I can see that I am slowly but surely growing.

With best wishes, I am sincerely,

Mrs. D.

### "I Can Hear Better and Sleep Better"

Dear Mystic No. 12—I received the letter you sent me some time ago. I thought I would wait awhile and see if you did me any good before answering. You are doing me lots of good. I can hear better and sleep better. My nerves are stronger, and the whole world seems different.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. J. C.

Dec. 18, 1902.

Mystic No. 12—I am happy to tell you I am getting along splendidly. I have secured a good position. I am feeling much better physically and mentally. Oh, such a change! I just feel that I am gaining a knowledge of my true self, and the Divine Love is present with me every moment. I wish to know more about it. I thank you for what you have already done for me. I want to keep on with this treatment until I am perfectly well. I am trying to live as you advise.

July 3, 1903.

I am grateful to you for teaching me "How to Pray." I carry that paper with me, and when impatience is getting the upper hand I just look at "How to Pray," and perhaps, read only a line, and then apply it. The result is surprising.

Yours in Truth,  
O.

"Learn to keep still. Learn the value of 'silent times,' in which to open your soul to God, and receive from His bounty of life, wisdom and love. We are so possessed with the spirit of doing that there is no time left for really living. Remember, God wants us first TO BE, and to manifest Him as the best way of helping others.

"I plead with you to be earnest in forming right habits of life. Have you turned night into day? Have you sinned dietetically? Have you dissipated your powers socially or emotionally, carried business worries home with you, worn tight waists, heavy skirts, high heels? Have you upset your nervous systems by stimulants or other indulgences? Have you been selfish or uncharitable? Have your habits of thought been wrong? All these can be classed as preventable causes of ill-health. Give yourselves up to learn what is necessary in your individual cases, and, oh, do have a desire born into your souls to be well, and to be willing to make sacrifices that you may have life, and have it 'more abundantly.'"

### "My Daughter Was Healed of Tuberculosis"

Mystic No. 12, My Dear Friend—I wrote you over a year ago when in trouble, and you helped me so marvelously that I am going to solicit your aid again. You helped me wonderfully to realize Truth, and my daughter was healed of tuberculosis.

Mrs. H.

### "His Recovery Is Regarded As a Miracle"

Dear Mystic No. 12—It is with a grateful heart I write you that my brother, who was hurt, is now discharged from the hospital. He lost his arm, but his life is spared. His recovery is regarded as a miracle. How great is the healing spirit of God! I thank you very much for what you did, and can say with David, "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men."

Yours in holy love,  
Mrs. H.

### "I Am Gaining in All Ways"

To Mystic No. 12, Kind Friend—I thank you very much for all of your kindness and helpfulness to me during the past four months. I am gaining in all ways, but would like to continue in your vibrations a while longer. Will inclose two dollars for two months' treatment.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. C.

### "I Slept Like a Babe"

Nov. 1, 1903.

Dear Brother Mystic No. 12—It is eleven days since you commenced sending me healing vibrations. Within twenty-four hours the annoyance from street noises ceased, and I slept like a babe. The past six days I have worked every day and all day, with only now and then symptoms of pain. Ordinarily after half an hour's work the pain became almost unbearable. For the benefit of other sufferers, I will explain that I suffered an injury to the spine forty-three years ago.

Yours in the Brotherhood,  
G. R.

### "I Continue to Improve in Health and Happiness"

Chicago, Ill.

Mystic No. 12—Inclosed please find one dollar for Mystic Healing Vibrations for the month of November. I continue to improve in health and happiness each day, and am so thankful to the Mystics through God's power for the great benefit which I have received. With Brotherly love, I remain,

Respectfully,  
M.

### "Peace and Joyousness and Exhilaration"

Mystic No. 12—On July 28 I experienced a few hours of the most delightful peace and joyousness and exhilaration, such as I imagine eternal youth and health without the body may bring. Upon reflection and the study of your beautiful healing lessons, I feel confident the experience was due to your Mystic Healing Vibrations upon the receipt of my request for them upon that date.

With deepest gratitude and love,  
E. W.

### "The First Sentence Inspired Me"

Mystic No. 12—I wish you to know that I have been greatly benefited and enlightened by your pamphlet, "How to Pray," which you so kindly sent me. The very first sentence inspired me with hope and courage. I was faint-hearted, thinking that my advance, if any, was at a snail's pace.

With gratitude and love,  
E. H.

### "We Have Improved Far Beyond Our Expectation"

Mystic No. 12—Please find inclosed one dollar for another month's treatment. We have improved far beyond our expectation. Our neighbors and friends are very much surprised at our improvement. Accept our sincere thanks.

MR. AND MRS. W.

### "I Am Happy, Cheerful and Gaining in Health Every Day"

Dear Mystic No. 12—I am happy, cheerful and gaining in health every day. I read something from THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES nearly every evening and am so comforted and uplifted by the beautiful thoughts therein.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. McC.

### "I Began to See the Light"

Mystic No. 12—I desire to thank you for the great uplift the perusal of your letter has given me. That same moment I received an indescribable happiness touching my whole being. I began to see the light I have been longing for so very long. I have derived much benefit from your influence and my health is much better.

I. R.



## The Great Power of Religious Forms and Ceremonies

### A THEOSOPHICAL VIEW OF SACRAMENTS



ANNIE BESANT, in her recent work, "Esoteric Christianity," presents as arguments for the preservation of religious forms and ceremonies the very reasons which, in the stern logic of reformers of the stamp of Knox and Calvin, require their abolition, says the Literary Digest. That these forms are derived from paganism is, in her mind, a credential—a proof that they are a part of natural and universal religion. That there is physical value tending to psychic culture of the participants, in the esthetic tones of the ritual and the impressive gestures of the ceremonial, adds, in her estimation, to the spiritual nature of religious observances, instead of detracting from their ethical character, as is held by the anti-formalists.

Naturally, Mrs. Besant, having these opinions, upholds the practices of the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches as against those of the evangelical bodies. In accordance with her view that a sacrament is both a symbol of divine truth and an actual "method by which the energies of the invisible world are transmuted into action in the physical," as "literally as in the galvanic cell chemical energies are changed into electrical," she adopts the definition of sacrament as given in the Catechism of the Church of England: "An outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us, ordained by Christ Himself, as a means whereby we receive the same and a pledge to assure us thereof." "In this definition," she says, "we find laid down the two distinguishing characteristics of a sacrament. The 'outward and visible sign' is the pictorial allegory, and the phrase, the 'means whereby we receive the' 'inward and spiritual grace' covers the second property." The phraseology of the Episcopal Catechism distinctly alleges, Mrs. Besant repeats, that the sacrament is literally a means whereby the grace is conveyed, and that without it grace does not pass, at least in the same fashion, from the spiritual to the physical world. In this connection she imposes upon the discussion the theosophical view of the nature of the spiritual world:

"In order to understand a sacrament it is necessary that we should definitely recognize the existence of an occult, or hidden side of nature; this is spoken of as the life-side of nature, the consciousness side, more accurately, the mind in nature. Underlying all sacramental action, there is the belief that the invisible world exercises a potent influence over the visible, and to understand a sacrament we must understand something of the invisible intelligences who administer nature.

"From the standpoint of occultism there is no dead force and no dead matter. Force and matter alike are living and active, and an energy, or group of energies, is the veil of an intelligence, of a consciousness, who has that energy as his outer expression, and the matter in which that energy moves yields a form which he guides or ensouls.

"These numberless lives, above and below man, come into touch with human consciousness in very definite ways, and among these ways are sounds and colors.

"In communicating with the higher intelligences certain sounds are useful, to create a harmonious atmosphere, suitable for their activities, and to make our own subtle bodies receptive of their influences.

"The effect on the subtle bodies is a most important part of the occult use of sounds. These bodies, like the physical, are in constant vibratory motion, the vibrations changing with every thought or desire. These changing, irregular vibrations offer an obstacle to any fresh vibration coming from the outside, and, in order to render the body susceptible to the higher influences, sounds are used which reduce the irregular vibrations to a steady rhythm, like in its nature to the rhythm of the intelligence sought to be reached. The object of all oft-repeated sentences is to effect this, as a musician sounds the same note over and over again, until all the instruments are in tune. The subtle bodies must be tuned to the note of the being sought, if his influence is to find free way through the nature of the worshiper, and this was ever done of old through the use of sounds. Hence, music has ever formed an integral part of worship, and certain

In love we do for others and help our own spiritual growth. The power of love is beyond the conception or calculation of mortal mind—it is good for All.

Most poverty is due to lack of love for and faith in God.

definite cadences have been preserved with care, handed on from age to age.

"In every religion there exist sounds of a peculiar character called 'words of power,' consisting of sentences in a particular language chanted in a particular way."

The author gives examples of these sentences in the Sanskrit "mantras," the effect of chanting which "is to create vibrations, hence forms, in the physical and superphysical worlds," and the extent of whose influence is "according to the knowledge and purity of the singer." "If his knowledge be wide and deep, if his will be strong and his heart pure, there is scarcely any limit to the powers he may exercise in using some of these ancient mantras."

So in the Roman Catholic Church, according to Mrs. Besant, the Latin is used in chants not "to hide knowledge from the people," but in order that "certain vibrations may be set up in the invisible worlds which cannot be set up in the ordinary languages of Europe, unless a great occultist should compose in them the necessary successions of sound."

From the emotive and moral effects on the hearer of the Latin chants, the author passes to their physical results in the higher worlds. They appeal, she says, "to the intelligences in those worlds with a meaning as definite as the words addressed by one person to another on the physical plane, whether as prayer or, in some cases, as command."

The next essential part of the sacrament is, according to Mrs. Besant, "The Sign." "Each sign," she says, "has its own particular meaning, and marks the direction imposed on the invisible forces with which the celebrant is dealing, whether these forces be his own or poured through him. In any case, they are needed to bring about the desired result, and they are an essential portion of the sacramental rite."

Holding such views of the power of magic, it is not surprising to find the author turning to the Egyptian "Book of the Dead," as well as to the gospel of early Christian mysticism, the "Pistis Sophia," for illustrations of the value to the soul in its journey from this to the other world of the possession of the occult Word and Sign.

The last requisite of a sacrament, in this theory, is that some physical material be used. This not only serves as a symbol, but also actually forms a "material means of conveying the grace" for which "high ends" a "subtle change in the material adapts it." The etheric theory of the physical construction of the universe is used by Mrs. Besant to explain the secret of how this change, as well as kindred miracles of magnetic healing, etc., is accomplished:

"In a sacrament magnetic changes are caused in the ether of the physical substance, and the subtle counterparts are affected according to the knowledge, purity and devotion of the celebrant who magnetizes—or, in the religious term, consecrates—it. Further, the Word and the Sign of Power summon to the celebration the angels specially concerned with the materials used and the nature of the act performed, and they lend their powerful aid, pouring their own magnetic energies into the subtle counterparts, and even into the physical ether, thus reinforcing the energies of the celebrant."

The author concludes this part of her discussion as follows:

"We thus see that the outer part of the sacrament is of very great importance. Real changes are made in the materials used. They are made the vehicles of energies higher than those which naturally belong to them; persons approaching them, touching them, will have their own etheric and subtle bodies affected by their potent magnetism, and will be brought into a condition very receptive of higher influences, being tuned into accord with the lofty beings connected with the Word and the Sign used in consecration; beings belonging to the invisible world will be present during the sacramental rite, pouring out their benign and gracious influences; and thus all who are worthy participants in the ceremony—sufficiently pure and devoted to be tuned by the vibrations caused—will find their emotions purified and stimulated, their spirituality quickened, and their hearts filled with peace, by coming into such close touch with the unseen realities."

Our periods of trial are seasons of great spiritual growth if we look to the Spirit for strength and help.

Nothing delights my soul more than the great progress and prosperities of my brothers.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

## Dying Man Sees Dead Brother in a Dream

THE family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen F. Riordan, of Fourth and Hamilton streets, Harrison, N. J., firmly believe their dying son, John B., saw, just before passing on to the Spirit World, a vision of his twin brother Joseph, who died several years ago.

The twins were born one day at 7 A. M., a little over twenty-one years ago. When Joseph died a few years ago it was as the mill whistles were sounding the beginning of the work-day; they were also sounding when John died. As boys the brothers showed their natures to be very much alike.

When Joseph died it was feared John would die of grief, and he never fully roused himself after. For several weeks he had been ill and finally sank into unconsciousness. His family and some friends were gathered about his bed awaiting the end, which seemed a matter of minutes. He had not spoken for hours. Suddenly he raised himself to a sitting posture and said:

"Everything is all right, Joe. I am ready and will be with you at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning."

He then sank back and uttered no other word all night. He died at the hour he said.

The God-loving Christian Gentle Man is the most hopeful and confident man in the whole world, and knows not fear or doubt or apprehension about anything; he is a tower of strength in the land—the God-loving Christian Gentle Man.

Who comes to God an inch through doubts dim,  
In blazing light He will approach a yard toward him.  
—*Oriental Poem.*

We shall make mistakes; and, if we let these mistakes frighten us from our work, we shall show ourselves weaklings.—*Theodore Roosevelt.*

"Every inmost aspiration is God's angel undefiled;  
And in every 'O my Father!' slumbers deep a  
'Here, my child.'"

Great psychic power or spiritual gifts are given only to really religious men and women—fervent God-loving men and women.

To get along in the very best way in this world we must bear with others. THE MASTER was emphatic in His teachings on forbearance. Thomas à Kempis said: "If you wish to be borne with yourself, bear with others." All the great men and women of the world have been patient men and women who could bear and endure anything with Christian fortitude.

Christian enthusiasm always helped the world, and to-day is brightening the dark spots on this planet. Christian enthusiasm means a glorious optimism that gives man and peoples power to do and to achieve. "Americanism" is only another name for Christian Enthusiasm, and the whole world is slowly but surely realizing this great truth. He who serves THE MASTER is *Masterful*; he is full of enthusiasm, and "enthusiasm is essential to the successful attainment of any high endeavor." Show me a man or a nation that ignores Jesus Christ, and I will show you a man or a nation that is not fully progressive and prosperous—fully civilized.

There can be no life or power in man apart from the Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us all force and power to do. *Live the Christ-life* if you would know and realize true power and complete happiness.

There is but One Law and it is not Higher or Lower Law—it is the Law of God, contained in the Ten Commandments and the Commandments of Christ, and the Golden Rule.

## Oneness

We all of us share, more or less, in the one Universal Mind. "In Him we live and move and have our being." As a matter of absolute truth *all* men share in that one eternal omnipresent Life; there is "only one spirit, and they are spirit." All must come to one goal ultimately; there is no other way; *all* ultimately reach infinite perfection. We *all* rest in the bosom of God. Some are conscious of this blessed truth, and some are not, and that is the only difference we see in all beings; sometime, somewhere *all* become conscious of their eternal oneness with the blessed Eternal One. And who dare say, beloved, that thou art not a precious eternal child of the All Father? Who dare say that any soul is in danger of being lost? Eternal improvement, advancement, expansion and progress is the law and order of the Universe; the soul in a beast or brute form to-day will be in the angelic form later on, and if thou dost not live in consciousness of the eternal evolutionary process, thou dost retard thy own progress and may frighten, disturb and retard the progress of others.—*The Blissful Prophet.*



# SAYINGS OF THE BLISSFUL PROPHET

Observations on Eternal Life, Specially Written for  
The Magazine of Mysteries

"That which exists is one: Sages call it variously."—*Rig-Veda*, I, 164, 46.

## INVOCATION

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, grant me understanding, knowledge and wisdom to write here words of Truth, Love and Hope. O blessed guardian angel! I ask thee for Light from the Angel Spheres, and may my guides and controls guard my mind and hand, that nothing but the Truth may be written. All for the glory of God, the Holy Spirit and the Holy Angels. Amen.



NOTHING that is out of the Eternal can bring man to eternal peace, force, health and joy; even material wealth is much easier to get and more quickly obtained and retained for good, when man consciously lives, moves and has his being in the great eternal God.

All men, all being, are sustained by the Eternal Spirit; the difference in men, the difference in one being blessed with countless blessings and another with countless ills, woes and sorrows is the difference in their consciousness; one is conscious that he is an eternal ego or spirit, at one with Universal and Eternal Spirit, while another is not awakened and conscious of this blessed truth. In consciousness of the Eternalness of the All, is all Peace, all Power, all Force, all Greatness. When not conscious of this great truth man is in darkness and an abject slave to nature; he is bound and ground by Time, birth and rebirth, attachment to temporal, perishable and vanishing things, which causes him tremendous suffering, the unawakened, attached man is the slave of all slaves; to the extent that he is attached to that extent is he miserable, weak, powerless, bound; the only freedom is in non-attachment and non-resistance. Blessed, indeed, is that soul which has a non-attached mind and a non-resistant mind. Such a soul attracts and holds all blessings—eternal Peace, Joy, Health, Wealth and Bliss. He possesses and enjoys all things, but no thing possesses him and no thing can in any way harm or distress the man who lives in the Eternal and Universal.

Open your soul to the Eternal only, and you will come into a full consciousness of the eternal life of all beings, all egos, and this knowledge or consciousness will make you eternally joyful; all misery will forever depart.

But we must come to the great Silent Mystic One in a silent and Mystic Way, with intense and fervent Love, with only one desire, and that is to love and know God. "But it must be with the Eternal that draws forth your strength and beauty, not desire of growth."

Be a simple, loving, trusting child of the Eternal All-Father-Mother and give up your carnal or mortal mind and will to Divine Mind and Will. This is the great gain—to give up all and gain all; it is the exchange of a poor, weak, vacillating, changing mind and will, for the ETERNAL MIND AND WILL! Would you exchange a handful of mud for a handful of rare pearls?

Desire only Love. Desire only God. Desire only Truth. Desire only that which is within you. Desire only that which is beyond you. Desire that which the carnal-minded say is unattainable.

The Blessed Masters of the Eternal and Universal Brotherhood of Mystic Adepts say: "Live neither in the Past, Present, nor Future, but in the ETERNAL." This means live only with the Eternal God, serving and working for humanity as a great Angel. All work, whether weeding a garden, digging a ditch, cleaning out a filthy cesspool or writing a great epic or preaching a great sermon, is divine work. Live in the Eternal, by putting the Eternal God into every thing you do, every breath you breathe, every mouthful you eat, every word you speak. Live in the Eternal, and omnipresent OMNISCIENCE will dwell in thy mind and thy will; indeed, thy mind and thy will now will become God's Mind and Will.

The poisonous and killing weed of self cannot root, grow nor flower when we give up our little mortal minds and wills, which last for a few years at most, in exchange for Eternal Mind and Will.

All that is necessary to make this blessed exchange is to love God and the All with all thy soul, heart and mind, and give up all idea of separateness; that you and God are not one, and you and your

brothers and All Life, all Being are not one. We are all the ONE; and the ONE is in All.

"Grow as the flower grows, unconsciously, silently, but eagerly anxious to open its soul to the air. So must you silently grow to open your soul to the Eternal."

Love, Patience, Silence, Cheerfulness, Willingness, Gentleness, Fearlessness and strong Faith in God, man, the All, all help us to grow into the Eternal.

Meditate in the Silence on the eternal Silent One, GOD.

Before we can hope to live in the Eternal, the voice must have lost the power to wound. How can a God-lover speak any but sweet and gentle words?

Let thy mind be sane, cool, sober and free, by not attaching itself to the weakening and enslaving thoughts of ambition. Ambition is for slaves. Let aspiration take the place of ambition. An eager desire of fame, honor or superiority cheapens the soul; the pains and the sorrows of the ambitious can never be calculated. Yet, beloved, work as those work who are ambitious and you will work in the Eternal with the Eternal Silent Power of God, and be among the most peaceful, joyful and blissful souls in the universe.

The soul often speaks in paradoxes. To have eternal life, give up life, give up the desire of life; this means, that he who lives in the Eternal, gives no thought of holding his body any definite time, with the result that he unconsciously, without thought, cares for his body better than the most thoughtful do, creates a finer, fairer, more beautiful and more enduring form than the most thoughtful do, and unconsciously and naturally he respects life in a better way than those who desire it and cling to it.

Oh, how great is man when he dwelleth only in the ETERNAL, with the OMNIPRESENT, OMNISCIENT and OMNIPOTENT ONE!

He who would enter into the Blessed State, here, now and forever, must make an alliance with the Eternal God; there is no other way.

He who would enter into the real and everlasting Path of Peace and Power must tear out of his mind all thoughts of self, all thought schemes for health, wealth and happiness. There is a much easier, much quicker, much simpler way. SEEK OUT THE WAY. Seek the Way by the Silent Mystic Way. Seek the Way by retreating within. Seek the Way by knowing how boldly to advance without. Seek it not by any one road. There is good in all roads. All books, all religions, all sects, all churches, all spiritual movements contain some truth and some error. Seek within thine own Temple first; speak to the eternal God who eternally dwelleth in thy own eternal soul. Never forget, beloved, thou art an eternal child of the eternal God (Love).

Remember we are all of us on an endless Path, an Eternal Path, either asleep and dreaming awful dreams and passing through frightful nightmares, or else awake, basking in the blessed radiant White Light of an Eternal Sun and an Eternal Day. One is attacked and fights and struggles and thinks and wills and binds himself more, and suffers intense sorrow; the other loves, trusts, gives up his mind and will to God, and does not think or fight or struggle or resist, but leaves it all to God and the Angels in simple childlike love and faith and is soon free. He becomes non-attached through his blessed love and non-resistance, and is the most blessed man in the universe. One is asleep, the other is awake. Sometime, somewhere, the sleeper awakes and becomes blessed; the sleeper is amidst all blessings and knoweth it not; the awakened man knows that he too was in sleep only a little while back and he has therefore love, compassion, charity, tolerance and patience with his sleeping brother, and with silent, eternal and universal love awakens countless sleeping brothers. There is only great power in eternal silent love—universal love.

And what about the state of this great silent God-lover who is non-attached, non-resistant and who only aspires to live a simple, meek, mild, humble life with the Eternal God? He is the great soul of life with the Eternal God. Attached to nothing and resisting nothing and loving All, he is no longer a part but lives in the Whole and the Whole in him. Free, forever free from all the shadows of life, he forever dwelleth in the Real Substance; he touches and enjoys in perfect bliss all beautiful things, but no discordant thing touches him; he possesses all the richness, beauty and wealth of life, but they do not possess or distress him. Walking, talking and living with God, as a god or an Angel, what harm can

touch him? He is sanely and harmoniously related to the All, and the All loves and serves him because he loves and serves the All—the Eternal Good.

## This Spirit 133 Years in the Body

In this blessed New and Golden Age we are to hold our bodies in health, strength, usefulness and beauty for great periods. This is the Soul Age. The Mystics teach the Simple, Silent Way to have a long, useful, beautiful and blessed life here and now. This is one of the blessed features of The Mystic Success Club. Here is an account of an amiable, God-loving colored woman who has lived on earth in this incarnation for 133 years:

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The greatest care is taken of "grandmother," whose genial disposition has won her the affection of the entire staff of the institution. She is believed to be the oldest woman in America.

Who fails finds later triumph sweet,  
Who stumbles once walks then with care,  
And knows the place to cry "Beware!"  
To other unaccustomed feet.

Through strife the slumbering soul awakes,  
We learn on error's troubled route  
The truths we could not prize without  
The sorrow of our sad mistakes.

The Mystic Success Club in a simple and quick way changes your vibrations of life and thought and by Mystic Alchemy transmutes grief, sorrows, mistakes into joys, blessings and wisdom. Come, have joy and peace, and look back on your mistakes in a holy and divine way. "Through strife the slumbering soul awakes."

Someone wisely said no two clocks run exactly alike, and no two persons think alike on any subject. This is especially true with respect to God and religion. So, beloved brothers of all religions and of no religions, how important it is for us to be moderate, tolerant, temperate and charitable.—*Brother Ananda.*

Keep the nerves sound. Nervous prostration is the prevalent disease of the moment. Peace and Rest is the cure for all nervousness. But how can we have Peace and Rest and be free from too much exacting toil and toil and strenuous strife? Oh, beloved sufferer, there is an easy, simple way to Peace, Joy, Power, Bliss and Success. Come into The Mystic Success Club, nervous brother and sister, and vibrate with great, peaceful yet forceful souls. We can quickly and permanently help you in a Mystic, Silent Way to cure your nervousness, your foolish frettings and worryings, your sleepless nights. Thousands upon thousands are coming into blessed peace and power and joy of life through work in this blessed Club of Love, Life and Light. Why not you? Why delay a day? Now is the time. Come, try the Silent Mystic Way. You CAN BE CURED! Neurasthenia and all nervousness can be cured!

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## "THE PURE IN HEART SHALL SEE GOD"

Does your body own you, or do you own your body? Are you a body with a soul and a spirit, or are you an eternal spirit and a soul with a temporary body? These are important questions for you, beloved. If you can know and realize the blessed truth that you are an eternal spirit with a body, and not a body with a spirit, you have reached great blessedness and will hold a fine, beautiful, healthy, enduring body for a great period here on earth, and will also be building a fine inner body that will serve you forever in the Celestial spheres.

Great is he who loves and sympathizes with his unfortunate brothers in real wisdom. Indeed, in love and sympathy for all is real wisdom. We are here by God's Will to help each other, to serve and co-operate with love for the good of the Whole. It is always said of a great and good man: "His heart was always with the weak and miserable poor." Come, beloved, let us bless, and be blessed, by learning to love, by living Love.—*Brother Ananda, of The Mystic Success Club.*



# Carrying the Burdens of Others

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**T**HE principles that govern the Universe are exact, inexorable and eternal; God is Changeless. All of its operations are beneficent in motive and intent; God is Good. Duality of appearance is representative always of unity of principle; God is One.

It is impossible to conceive of God as other than perfect and changeless. And, equally, it is impossible to regard the visible universe in its entirety as any less perfect. And although creation and exchange are constant and eternal, at each and every instant the visible universe is in complete harmony with itself. Each change is accompanied by a compensating exchange; while action and reaction are equal ever.

The full or Infinite consciousness of this inherent perfection is confined to the abstract plane of Being, and does not pertain to the other planes of consciousness. Eternal creation registers gradual and ever continuing unfoldment to consciousness of the unconscious harmonies of Being.

Each manifestation of life possesses a consciousness of some degree of its inherent perfection, and the evolutionary development of life (all development being confined to the planes of existence) records a constant unfoldment of consciousness.

Consciousness has developed with the broadening of life's environment and the deepening of environment's responses. With the enlargement of consciousness life has unfolded to a constantly increasing knowledge of its inherent perfection and harmony. The eternal perfection of the Infinite is being approached continually by the finite; and, of all forms of life, man is most conscious of his innate and inherent perfection.

Development of consciousness is a matter of individual soul unfoldment. All change or growth fundamentally is soul unfoldment, and every change in outward manifestation is a result in exact relation and correspondence with its fundamental cause. As external and internal development are in correspondence ever, and as one without the other is impossible, the conclusion is inevitable that manifestation—including environment, activity and experience—is essential to soul unfoldment.

Each Soul follows its self-chosen path of unfoldment, however closely it may approximate that of another. Each Soul must learn for itself. One Soul may suggest for another, and the other may accept and adopt the suggestion. But the suggestion is unimportant until it has been accepted. The one is responsible only for making the suggestion, moreover, and the other responsible only for accepting it.

While each Soul is responsible for the suggestions it makes to another, it is not responsible for the results of the other's appropriation of them. One's motive determines the spiritual return he shall receive, and one's wisdom measures his physical and material compensations. It happens constantly, therefore, that pains and disappointment are the accompaniments of spiritual unfoldment.

Each individual Soul is inseparable from Universal Spirit; and, as Life is a unit, all of its parts have identical attributes and interests. Whatever assists one Soul to a greater unfoldment assists all. Since the object of life is growth or soul unfoldment, it is most advantageous to each Soul to think and act for the benefit of all.

As each Soul must develop individually, and is helping others as it helps the Self, that conduct in thought and action is most beneficial which affords to others, *positively* the greatest opportunities for, and *negatively* the fewest obstacles to, soul unfoldment.

One does not cease to place obstacles in the way of others, and therefore of the Self, until he has come to a realization of his essential unity with God, or oneness with the Universe. Then only does he realize, not alone his own inherent perfection, but that of each and every other Soul. Then only does he live his own life to the best advantage of the Self and others.

To the degree that one is dominated by the conception of duality must he place obstacles in the way of others. He acts from the point of view of opposition and a sense of discord and inharmony. His recognition of discord prompts activities that have discord as their basis, and this results in intensified manifestations of discord. Sooner or later, however, this must lead to a greater recognition of inherent harmony and to one's realization of unity with that with which formerly one was in apparent opposition.

How can one Soul assist another? By one's suggestions of truth and by promoting opportunities and offering inducements for their manifestation by others. Whatever suggests to another a greater conception of truth than he realizes consciously is of advantage to him. Similarly, whatever facilitates another's manifestation of these greater conceptions is beneficial. And, negatively, that which

brings to another a realization of the ugliness of his present manifestation, and renders it less attractive, is of service to him.

In other words, whatever impels toward the comparative light of greater truths is to the Soul's advantage, and whatever impels toward the comparative gloom of lesser truths is to its detriment. And in whichever direction one assists another he assists the Self.

In carrying these principles into operation necessarily one must follow the guide of principle rather than appearance. One must "sacrifice" the lesser to the greater gain. One must subordinate the temporary to the permanent. One must even be willing to inflict upon another such temporary discomforts as may be necessary preliminaries to his more permanent comfort.

If one is to live to the best advantage, he must control and direct his emotions, and they must be ready servants of the understanding. That one's emotions dominate him, and are not controlled, denote that he is following appearance rather than principle. It is when principle alone is dominant that the emotions possess intelligent concentration and intensity.

These principles are not difficult of application on the distinctively mental plane. It is obvious that affirmative and constructive thoughts—thoughts of love, peace, strength and harmony—are elevating and advantageous to others; while negative and destructive thoughts—thoughts of hate, strife, weakness and discord—are depressing and detrimental. And to the extent that one's constructive thoughts predominate does he affect others beneficially and lighten their burdens.

The application of these principles on the plane of manifestation is difficult, for the reason that one is liable to be misled by appearance and by uncontrolled emotions. Is it of advantage to another that he be relieved of incentives to activity, or that he be excused from solving the problems of life that confront him? Is it beneficial that his load be transferred to the shoulders of another? When is interference in another's life justifiable?

All physical and material burdens are lifted as the sense of burden is dispelled. Whatever the load carried, it is not a burden as long as it falls within one's consciousness of strength. One's conduct toward others, therefore, should be designed primarily to promote in them such a sense of strength as will prevent or dispel the sense of burden.

If one tolerate or cultivate a consciousness of inability to carry more than a hundred pounds, the sense of burden commences when that limit is exceeded. But if his consciousness be extended so that it include the excess—whatever this may be—the sense of burden is eliminated. And to the extent that each lives his own life, others are enabled to live theirs to the best advantage.

If obstacles and difficulties were inflictions from without, love and justice would dictate that one remove them physically whenever opportunity permitted. But they are the very reverse of this. They are opportunities and tests designed beneficially to develop one's strength and promote one's happiness. And yet there are occasions when it is advisable to relieve others directly of the physical burdens they are carrying.

There are mental and physical conditions in which one is unable practically to realize his inherent strength. One's self-imposed limitations may have become so crystallized that he is quite unable—at the time—to awaken his consciousness to a greater realization of his inherent powers. Under such conditions the burdens of others should be gently and lovingly lifted from their shoulders, in order that they have more favorable opportunities for Self-realization.

Indiscriminate charity and promiscuous almsgiving evidence lack of esteem for one's fellow-beings. They may serve to still the conscience temporarily, but they denote one's comparative indifference to the enduring or soul welfare of others. They tend to intensify in others the consciousness of weakness and burden. They make idlers, paupers and outcasts, and they degrade both giver and receiver.

The question of burden or no burden is entirely a matter of proportion and relation. When one's strength is more than equal to the demands made upon it there is no recognition of burden; and this is the condition that prevails always when one acquires the sense of right relation and adjusts demands from the standpoint of principle. As this consciousness of inherent strength is unfolded the path of life is smoothed, and the soul rises triumphantly above the sense of toil and burden.

Recognize and Realize the Eternal Presence here and now if thou would'st enter the Blessed State of Eternal Bliss.—B. P.

## Forget—Remember

FORGET

FORGET the slights you have received;  
Perhaps they weren't intended so;  
And should you cherish them, revenge  
Will in your bosom surely grow.

Forget the harsh or unkind word  
That some dear friend may rashly speak;  
Kindness will on his head heap coals,  
While to resent would show you weak.

Forget that not a kindly hand  
Helped you some special weight to bear;  
For those who knew of yours, perhaps,  
Had still a greater load of care.

As quickly as they pass your hand,  
Forget the favors that you do;  
If you remember you'll demand  
That they be done again for you.

Forget that friends sometimes prove false;  
Your doubts might even make them so;  
You cannot look down in their hearts,  
Nor for their deeds their motives know.

Forget to count life's darker days,  
While you the sunshine might enjoy;  
Forget in all things selfish ways  
That may the narrow mind employ.

I should say that perfection of mind, like that of the body, consists of two elements—of strength and beauty; that it consists of firmness and mildness, of force and tenderness, of vigor and grace.—W. E. Channing.

Prayer that craves a particular commodity anything less than all good is vicious. Prayer is the contemplation of the facts of life from the highest point of view. It is the *soloquy* of a beholding and jubilant soul.—Emerson.

It is easy for a man to do as he "ought" in little things. And if he takes pains to do it in little things he will find he has grown power to do as he "ought" when big things turn up. It is this doing as he ought—as his own soul says he ought, which enables a man to learn the lessons set for him in his particular class in life.—Elizabeth Towne.

"Nothing is too sacred to investigate nor too insignificant to examine."

Who dare say we have only one life to live on earth? We cannot possibly grasp in one life here all that is needful for our progress toward oneness with the Blessed One and Absolute Freedom. Nothing has made man so fearful and discouraged him so much as this puerile idea of "only one life to live on earth." Who can say that we ever dwell far away from Earth? If you cannot reach infinite perfection in this incarnation you may in the next. Anyway, you have countless lives here, if needed.

Woman possesses intuition to a marked degree because she is such a fine vessel.

## Lessons in Palmistry

We can highly recommend this book to anyone desiring to become a palmist, or who wishes to read his or her own hand.

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## THE ABIDING CHARACTER OF GOD'S WORD

MUTABILITY attaches to all things earthly. Individuals pass away. Nations rise and decline. Races become extinct. Art and literature have their periods of advance and retrogression. Nature has her succeeding seasons. In the animal and vegetable kingdom there are life and death.

Amidst time's fluctuations, "the Word of the Lord endures forever." It is His immutable truth. He gives to it an abiding energy. He has destined it for the ages, and has adapted it for all classes and conditions.

Earth's forces, or agencies, cannot supersede it or destroy it. We hear much of the discoveries of science—what it has done, and what it will do. Many of its brightest minds have employed it against Christianity. Some people tremble for the Bible with every new advance in scientific research. As the Goliaths stalk abroad, boastful and defiant, the armies of Israel cower. This fear and cowardice is unwarranted. The God of Nature and Revelation are the same. There can be no real conflict between science and religion when they are rightly understood. Assumed differences may exist, or mysteries may be wrongly interpreted, but God will ever be His own interpreter, and will come to the vindication of His truth as unfolded in His works, and as written in His infallible record. As man has searched into Nature's arcana, no well-established fact has been developed to invalidate the Scriptures. Important changes during the past and the present have been effected by means of scientific investigation. Old systems of philosophy have been overturned; many errors have been exploded; valuable information has been gathered respecting the laws of life and growth, the human body and mankind; knowledge has been more systematized and diffused; the history of the world has been more fully and clearly unfolded, and the laws and the phenomena of the universe have been, and are being, better understood. But amidst all its real and proper developments, science has not set aside or weakened the power, the utility or the value of inspiration. Most of its researches and discoveries have confirmed and strengthened the teachings and statements of Holy Writ. Astronomical and geological records and exploration of Bible lands have wonderfully corroborated the Scriptural accounts of the past. Scarcely a year goes by without rendering more manifest and complete the harmony and correspondence between what is written and what Nature discloses. We need not be frightened by what sceptical scientists affirm and boastingly proclaim. Other investigators follow in their wake, and the sifting process goes on; and as the result, God's Word stands out more luminous, and is fully vindicated. God is behind both science and Revelation. He is composed amidst the season of seeming contradiction, and so should we be. He abides the day of correct harmonization, and so can we. The Church's attitude ought not to be one of hostility, or of opposition, or of dread, but of welcome and hope. She has nothing to fear from a true study into the causes of things. The more we know about man and the universe, the more will God's special revelation receive honor and vindication.

Nor do political changes and commotions in society detract from the durability of the Word of the Lord. Mankind has had its many and varied transition-periods. Nations have changed their boundaries, their powers and their governments. The Word of God, however, changes not with their altered conditions. It has survived all overturnings, upheavals and transformations, maintaining untarnished and unobscured its integrity, its adaptation, its purity and its glory. It is still the light with which to enlighten all peoples—still the force that accomplishes its own purpose—still the boon that is to gladden the race.

Neither does the progress of education supersede God's Word. Rapid and vast has been the advance of learning. Ages ago mankind was steeped in ignorance. Letters were unknown, and knowledge was in the hands of the few. Now the facilities of education have greatly multiplied, and the masses revel in the treasures of profane and sacred lore. Intellectual culture does not meet the soul's needs. The spiritual part of our nature must have its wants supplied. Divine food alone can satisfy the undying spirit. God's truth must renovate, purify, sanctify and save. No other substitute can avail. Education can act as a handmaid to religion, but can never set it aside. Mental and moral development must go hand in hand.

Still more does the Word of the Lord survive the unfaithfulness or the removal of its friends. Many a good cause has expired with the death of its propagator. Revolutions, which promised well, have collapsed by the overthrow of their animating genius. Reformations, begun in the brain, and inspired by the zeal of noble and valiant enthusiasts, have been smothered and extinguished by their confinement in the gloomy dungeon and by the

persecution of their followers. But God's truth is independent of its agents. Its adherents may prove false or inconsistent, yet that neither weakens its power, nor diminishes its glory. It is still the grand, living, mighty Word of the everlasting God. It meets a felt want in humanity, and attests its indestructible energy, under each varying circumstance, to accomplish its designs. If its heroes and defenders fall, it appears subsequently in hundreds and thousands of human hearts and lives. It works on in its own time and way, winning victories when and where least expected.

God's Word has shown, and still shows, a wonderful vitality in withstanding and surviving the attacks of its foes, whether they be Pagan, Jewish, infidel or worldly. Its history has been one of conflict; still, to-day it is as undimmed, resplendent and vigorous as ever. Though assailed in every conceivable form, it has power to assert itself in its own inimitable way, and its converts are multiplying, and its sway is extending. In India, China, Japan, Africa, and other heathen lands, it is gradually making a pathway for itself, and in many respects is working marvels as a regenerative and conquering force.

Enduring in spirit and results, the Word of the Lord invites our confidence, and guarantees our present and eternal blessedness. God is its informing potency, and the sure warrant for the realization of all that it holds out to His Church and to the race.—*The Presbyterian*.

## Powerful Words

You need not break the glasses of a telescope, or coat them over with paint, in order to prevent you from seeing through them. Just breathe upon them, and the dew of your breath will shut out all the stars. So it does not require great crimes to hide the light of God's countenance. Little faults can do it just as well. Take a shield and cast a spear upon it, and it will leave in it one great dent. Prick it all over with a million little needle shafts, and they will take the polish from it far more than the piercing of the spear. So it is not so much the great sins which take the freshness from our consciences as the numberless petty faults which we are all the while committing.—*Henry Ward Beecher*.

Put a seal upon your lips and forget what you have done. After you have been kind, after love has stolen forth into the world and done its beautiful work, go back into the shade and say nothing about it. Love hides even from itself.—*Drummond*.

In my younger days, when a student, I frequently asked my mother to awake me at a certain hour, and she invariably did so. I could depend on her, and in the time of examination stress I could lay me down and sleep, assured of being awakened. So I can lay me down and sleep, being certain that in the morning I shall awake in His likeness, for Christ is our redemption. We have the sure promise of His word that those who suffer with Him shall also reign with Him.—*John Robertson*.

Fruitfulness is a divine requisition. Christ has placed us under His culture, and looks for the fruit in its season. He implants, by His spirit, faith, hope, love, patience, submission, joy, meekness, humility, courage, zeal and spirituality, and demands their development and operation from time to time. We must not be content to live on a low plane of piety, but like "the light," shine "more and more unto the perfect day."—*The Presbyterian*.

Help to circulate this Magazine.—*The Mystics*.

We are busy these days in explaining the difference between theology and religion, orthodoxy and spirituality. To the common mind these terms mean much the same. Many men will not listen when the words "religion" or "spirituality" are spoken, because they associate these words with the hard, cold, soulless theology and orthodoxy of the past. The modern mind in its wonderful growth and expansion will have none of the old thought that conveyed fear, doubt and pessimism. So we have such expressions as the "New Thought," the "Advanced Thought," the "Higher Thought," and the "Present Thought" to represent the new and higher religion of universal love. As a matter of fact, true religion is always the same—it is changeless. Religion means Godliness—like God. But in all ages it has been a much misused word, often covering puerile schemes of salvation. All men are more or less God-like—love God more or less—are more or less religious—are more or less awakened. In the course of evolution all things become religious—become God-like. The kingdom of heaven is within you, and within all beings, and sooner or later all come to a consciousness of this truth.

We of clear seeing are thrilled at every step, every new day, with the great progress of this progressive age. In every line of work man is forging ahead with grand results as never before. All the achievements of the past are dimmed by the present progress of man. Are you keeping up with the procession?

## The Ideal Young Woman

Results of Letters Sent Out Given by Dr. Harlan in a Sermon

IN the First Church of Christ, Brooklyn, recently, the Rev. M. E. Harlan, LL.D., gave a lecture on "The Ideal Young Woman," from the young man's standpoint. The sermon was based on replies from young men from all parts of the country to whom questions had been sent. A few young women were also asked to answer, to see how nearly they would agree with the young men. The following per cent. markings show the line of thought suggested by the questions. One hundred per cent. of both sexes say the ideal must be a Christian; 77 per cent. of the young men say she will neither use slang nor lead a poodle; 100 per cent. say wine-drinking and profanity spoil her from being ideal; 88 per cent. include card-playing and dancing as things to be denied her; 100 per cent. say the ideal must have a knowledge of housekeeping as an accomplishment, whether she use it or not. Every young man stands for housekeeping as against the hotel or boarding-house life; 70 per cent. would educate her in a mixed school, so as to give her a broader view of life. Monasteries for men or convents for women do not prepare them for greatest usefulness. All the young women answering preferred the mixed school. Sixty per cent. of the young men advocate the same standard of morals for both sexes; 60 per cent. say both sexes should have equal liberties. The things most universally agreed upon by the young men as to what they admired in women were truthfulness, sincerity, character and womanliness; 70 per cent. gave shallowness as woman's most common fault, and 30 per cent. named fickleness. (One young fellow soon to be married said he could find no fault.) Gossip, lack of purpose, selfishness and insincerity were the most common faults named by the young women; 60 per cent. of the men and 80 per cent. of the young women would allow their ideal to vote.

"So far as known these young men represent lawyers, ministers, college and high-school students, college and university professors, and government and commercial clerks. Other professions may be represented not known to me. Below are the answers, with the name of the State or county immediately following each answer." Dr. Harlan quoted from the letters, a few extracts being here given:

"Wine-drinking and card-playing are the curse of the land. I am against them for her."—*Halifax*. "No ideal young man wants a woman for a wife who dances, plays cards or drinks wine. These have been the starting points of many a young woman's fall."—*New York*. "'Home, Sweet Home' (with variations) was always sweeter to me when executed by fingers which I knew could help make it sweeter and nearer and better by their skill in the domestic arts."—*Kansas*. "Judge her by the same standard by which we ought to judge young men. Allowing her sex, let her have all the liberties which a young man ought to have."—*North Carolina*.

School in Latin is the same word as sport or play. Plato and Aristotle agreed with Froebel upon games, but Froebel developed the idea as these old philosophers had never done. It is sorrowful to see the games children play in our city streets, silly, stupid or sentimental, and yet which form the school of the child. Froebel believed that the external would take care of itself. He urged that one should be true to the inner nature. Kindergarten education cannot be received alone; it is not solitary. The child is broadened in all its interests and sympathies by its relation to other children in everything that touches its daily life.

"Life, mere living, is not all. These very incompletenesses, shortcomings, and discontents are evidences of a great readjustment somewhere. And if we lose ourselves in the general life, safety, and movement of our race, it is well done; the good of the race and its individuality are more than the good or the individuality of the unit. By the race I mean all of us who have behind us the same background of sweet tragedy, the martyrdom and example of Jesus Christ."

"Verily Law reigneth forever, and justice and love are its eternal ministers."—*Light of Reason*.

"When the sun rises I see an innumerable company of heavenly hosts crying, 'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty.'"

Let us now and then refresh ourselves in the Silence by withdrawing from the Outer to the Inner. It is thus we re-collect Life, and add Life, and Love, and Power, and Force to our being.

There is a radiant glow and beauty in the face of a spiritual man or woman that cannot be seen elsewhere. It has been said of Emerson by a Scotch critic who went to hear him lecture, that "His face becomes phosphorescent, like the face of an angel." There is nothing that will produce so much radiant beauty as soul culture.

The advancing processions of to-day are marching to a music given in the poems of Emerson.—*Charles Malloy*.



# DAY-DREAMS

By PROF. S. A. WELTMER

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REAMS are the soul's ideals in miniature.

"Castles in air" are the outline architecture of the palaces on the Heights, where the soul would have its dwelling place.

Life's mission is to build for these castles a sure foundation and construct the terraces on the Heights.

This mission is oftentimes entered upon in life's unconscious years. The ideal takes definite outline only as the soul's consciousness is evolved, by contact with the materials for the structure.

Yet the dream, in its entirety, had its dwelling place in the unconscious mind prior to all effort. And, however, misguided or hedged about or misapplied earlier effort may be, it eventuates the ideal.

The achievements of the race, the struggles of the individual everywhere demonstrate the gradual correlation of forces toward the realization of the dream of life's first mornings.

And that dream, though shadowy in outline and imperfect in detail, is the undisturbed belief that enables the Dreamer slowly to ascend the terraces and reach at last his castle on the Heights.

Lives of the lowly, as well as the lives known to all men, furnish abundant illustration that man's achievements are the development of the day-dream of his youth.

And the Spirit of Unrest which leads one to seek until he shall find the avenue of success which was the prophecy of his youth is the pulse-beat of his fixed beliefs.

I remember a little playmate of mine to whom all plays or amusements were distasteful which did not include the effort, crude, of course, to make some part or parts of a sled or wagon. I remember going upon a time to see him when he had an old chair as a framework, and with various other appliances he had constructed a machine which would thrash blue grass. At this point he had furnished a demonstration of his belief in actual achievement. The next we see of him he is employed in a manufacturing establishment, then himself a manufacturer and finally a member of a firm, and he is to-day member of one of the leading manufacturing companies of America.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie tells us the first impulse of his life to high endeavor was the gratitude inspired in his heart by a neighbor who loaned him a book to read. The loans were continued indefinitely and the friend waived any expression of thanks, holding it more blessed to give than to receive kindness. Mr. Carnegie's opportunities for education were very meagre in his youth, and all he could depend upon was the aid received from the books loaned to him by friends.

The critics, the iconoclasts of all enterprise have presumed to suggest wiser and more expedient channels for the distribution of Mr. Carnegie's enormous accumulations. But in the crucible of experience Mr. Carnegie learned the limitations which poverty imposes upon great souls and determined to respond to a great human need.

Mr. Carnegie wove the very fabric of his character out of the misty dream of his youth that some time, somewhere in the coming days of his own opportunities he would recompense this kindness. This determination constituted the inspiration of his life for the accumulation of the wealth which has been disbursed to the cities of the nation which has honored his acts.

The most sublime day-dream of the most gentle yet rugged soul of the centuries found its realization in the emancipation of three million slaves. Abraham Lincoln developed the spirit of freedom in his effort to take care of misused horses, and he never allowed a bird to remain in a cage if he had the means to liberate it. This spirit found its realization in probably the greatest act that man ever did with a single stroke of his pen.

Daniel Webster, the greatest exponent of forensic power of his decade, wrought out the single day-dreams of his youth. Dream which never grew dim through any mist of circumstance, which never retreated before an enemy or an army of his colleagues. Dream whose purpose pervaded his thought from the day of his youthful conception when he would steal away from assigned duties to speak his thoughts to the babbling brooks and the responsive winds, to the day when it found its highest expression in his reply to Haines in the United States Senate. That speech to-day trembles in all atmospheres and has formed the day-dream of thousands who have come after him.

What, then, is the basis of a day-dream? The Romancist tells us learnedly of "The baseless fabric of a dream." But he who has never dreamed has never woven fabric that other eyes could look upon with pleasure. The experience of every successful

man is an expression of some belief that was born of an inspiration such as Andrew Carnegie received from the loan of a book, or the sympathy awakened in the breast of Abraham Lincoln when he saw an animal abused. If we trace these experiences we may discover the inception of the dreams. For all things have their beginnings. There has been printed a little book entitled "The Testimony of One Hundred Witnesses." It is a religious work, and entirely devoted to the personal experience of each "Witness" as to the primal motive in his search for religious truth, and what was the distinctive thought the mind received which left such indelible impress the years had no power to efface it. This first impression forms the network upon which the superstructure of "Air Castles" is laid.

Castle building is the avocation of all progressive souls. Could we read the secret thoughts of the happy lads and misses we daily meet we should find they were already gathering materials for their some day palaces on the Heights.

No man ever entered the unknown without first climbing the mountain, as did Moses, and looking over into the Promised Land.

No person ever achieved that which was worth the doing until some fixed ambition led him to use with fidelity the requisite means. And oftentimes it is the minor things, in their relative significance, which leave the most indelible impression, especially upon youthful minds.

A noble character is a resultant. In some supreme moment of discouragement the winds, laden with the messages of hope for needy souls, have borne in upon him some gleam of possibilities lurking in the murky atmosphere of his own life, and power has been awakened which otherwise would have slumbered on.

President Grant, in his youth, received at one time seventeen whippings while he struggled to commit to memory certain troublesome figures and memoranda which had an elusive fashion of slipping from his memory when called for. Finally, a little boy pointed out to him how he could relate these figures in his mind, and as a result forty years thereafter Grant was the one man able to compute the figures necessary in the estimates of the Nicaraguan Canal.

I have in mind a lady, Mrs. Wilmans, who is probably one of the most voluminous writers on the subject of Science, whose ambition to have a beautiful home was inspired by the fact that she was denied such luxuries in her childhood. In her writings she has freely told the story of alternate hopes and fears, until at last her ambitions were realized, and peace brooded over the once troubled waters. She relates an incident of her own experience. It was the Christmas time. She was standing by a show window in one of the crowded thoroughfares near some little girls looking, as other children have done, at the beautiful dolls that had been placed there just to tempt childish eyes. The dolls, to these girls, were an impossible pleasure. Mrs. Wilmans took the address, and in due time these dolls found their way to the home of the children. Mrs. Wilmans attaches to this effort to make glad the heavy heart of childhood the inspiration to the successes which have crowned her life. At present one of these little girls is a teacher in the school Mrs. Wilmans has established. The other is the wife of a successful business man in Chicago.

There is a striking illustration of the power of suggestion to find entrance and abiding place in the human mind in the history of the Spanish maiden who became famous as a bull fighter in the Spanish arena. Hers was the propensity early in life to inflict cruelty upon insects, and she found pleasure in brutally killing flies. A French physician, in discussing her case, says: "There is yet a remnant of cruelty in the human race."

But we know that all thoughts of evil can be obliterated from a child's mind by substitution; and herein lies the work and responsibility of parents and teachers. Every time a truth is stated to the mind of a child the untruth which may have found lodgment there is displaced. And it is the thought expressed by those we love which has the controlling influence upon the mind. The child does not naturally seek after that which would cause discord or inharmonious. The natural impulse of the child, untouched by evil influence, is to seek the things which make for character. This emphasizes the duty of parent and teacher.

The stately character of Napoleon was not moulded by the stirring events of his time, like the events which made Hannibal a great warrior or Patrick Henry the most magnetic speaker of his era. Napoleon was himself the chief exponent of the events of his time. But Napoleon's training, at his mother's dictation, had prepared him to look with indifference at rivers of blood in his own native land and to know no sympathy which would interfere with his spirit of conquest. Had Napoleon's mighty

brain expended its force in humanitarian problems there would have been no period of exile on the rock-bound coast of St. Helena. Did Napoleon's mother comprehend the nature of the material she was throwing into this mighty structure of Character? She had one supreme motive, the public triumph of her splendid son. This very ambition was the latent, slumbering fire of the imperious soul of the young undaunted Genius. The mother's hand ignited the fuse. The long trail burned slowly, but it was from the beginning an unquenchable fire, and at the last its explosion shattered the thrones of Europe.

General Grant, the Silent man, the man who needed no Counselors, the man who, in the hour of the Nation's Destiny, went away into the silence of his own great soul and came forth equipped, received from his mother one single thought which shaped the action of his public and his private life. When he left home for college his mother said to him, "I want you to be a man, and I want you to be fearless of all things, except to do wrong." In the presence of temptation or unquestionable opportunity in enterprise he would recall his mother's words, declaring if the thing were wrong itself he would not dare to do it. If it were right, he would do it or die. Mrs. Grant did not impart to her son the spirit of militarism, but this attitude of his soul won for him the title of the "Irresistible." And it is easy to trace the mother's standards in his military action. General Grant never sent a man to the guard house. He never ordered the execution of a spy. He never had a mutiny in his army. And when Lee surrendered it was Grant who could say: "Keep your horses; you will need them." This was the impregnable character built like a temple made without hands, made without hammer or saw, whose foundations were laid in the solid rock of principle. It is of such material as this that the day-dreams of the true are realized.

This recalls a pathetic incident in my life. I attended the funeral of an elderly lady who had been loved and respected by all who knew her. She had an only son who had wandered away. His whereabouts were not definitely known. On her death-bed she so longed to see him that experimental telegrams were sent in search of him. No answers were received. Just as the hearse was slowly entering the cemetery gates a stranger appeared on horseback. He wished to look upon the face of the dead. It was not the face of the mother whom he had left twenty-five years ago. Sorrow had obliterated the familiar lines. When the coffin was lowered into the grave the choir sang:

"Broad is the road that leads to death."

The fountains of his soul were broken up. His childhood returned upon him. His slumbering manhood awoke, and the day-dream of his youth began its realization at that moment. That mother had implanted a thought. That inspired singer, P. T. Bliss, sent forth a song melody which has stirred many a dead soul to life—

"Down in the human heart feelings lie buried."

crushed by the affairs of life. The song of the burial service brought to this wayward son the memory of his mother as she sat in her familiar chair singing, to the tune of "Old Windham," "Broad is the road that leads to death." He responded to the summons, and from that hour he demonstrated the possibility of the fulfilment of a mother's "Day-dreams," after the waste and interruption of years fulfilled as she dreamed in the life of her only son.

The specific thought I would impress here is, there are but few things which become fixities in human hearts for good or ill, things which are never effaced by subsequent impressions, and these are traced mainly in the impressionable years of childhood.

Luther, the great reformer, says, "A man must be handsome at twenty, strong at thirty and rich at forty, or he will never be handsome, strong or rich." It was Luther's thought thus expressed, that a man must realize the strength of his character to execute great deeds at thirty, and at forty he must see the result of his labor, or he would never see it.

Young says, "At thirty man suspects himself a fool, knows it at forty, at fifty chides his infamous delay, resolves and re-resolves and dies the same." I find the explanation of Young's thought in the fact that there come to men a thousand things which hinder or delay the dreams of youth, and in this obscurity the heart fails. But if the heart be strong and the faith fail not, the most sanguine dream will find its ultimate fulfilment. "All things are possible to him who believeth."

I beg permission to state somewhat of my earliest ambition to be a platform teacher or speaker. I have seen my dreams materialize beyond my most sanguine hope. It was my pleasure to teach eighteen terms in the public schools and colleges of this State. I then believed I was answering the highest purpose of life. But when I was led to the discovery of a new truth, and foresaw as in a dream that instead of touching the lives of a few I could reach a million people, I could scarcely comprehend the significance of the fact.

What was the source of my ambition? My mother's teaching. My parents came to this State



just at the close of the Civil War. There was a vast amount of suffering among the people of the State, and it awakened the sympathy of all who witnessed it, especially so of my mother and myself. But, after all was done that could be done, so much was left unalleviated. My mother would say to me: "Sidney, we will do all in our power in the present, but we must seek channels through which we can increase our capacity to do." I was especially sympathetic and had great love for children, and still have, and it has always given me the keenest pain to disappoint anyone who looked to me for aid.

In the development of this new Science it has been impossible to meet the expectations of all those who came to me, for in the exigencies of a rapidly increasing business it has been impossible for one man to meet the demands. But the power to help others has been the ambition of a life, and I would rather carry to my death-bed the sweet consciousness of having blessed others than any other emotion which can pervade a human soul.

With my mother I read the life of Peter Cooper, of Peabody and other great philanthropists, and we analyzed the purpose in their actions. Mother then told me she would rather I would die the death of Peter Cooper than of any other man that ever lived. This inspired me to make a close study of the life of Peter Cooper, and I found the ruling motive of his life was the desire to help others. He was the embodiment of the true spirit of Altruism.

And I have felt in giving to the world a truth that had in it the healing of the multitudes the supreme inspiration of my life. It is of vastly more value than money. It has cost me monetary losses, but I only learned the value of money by its absence, and now, had I a million dollars it would not last me long, there are so many different avenues of distribution. Were I to lose all my property it would be a dearer knowledge to me that I was able to tell a story the world is waiting to hear.

Doubtless each of you can trace in your lives some things which seemed to have but a slight value, yet which in their far-reaching effects have changed, perchance, the whole trend of being. I can recall a thousand things that offered themselves for my consideration which found no place in the superstructure of character because this better material had been chosen. This is the safety of a determined purpose.

Benjamin Franklin started out to teach, but he offered too many suggestions in Poor Richard's Almanack. Washington had a list of rules which were his guide in action. They were of that unlucky number thirteen, but the thoughts they fixed in the mind had a controlling influence on him in whose hands lay slumbering the destiny of a newborn nation.

An illustration from the little book of "Witnesses" is related by Whitefield. He states he attended church one Sunday with his mother. They took a position near the altar, where he could see the side entrance of the church. A man appeared at the entrance poorly dressed, looking very miserable. He came to summon a physician who was a member of the congregation whom he knew to be in the church. He could not wait for the conclusion of the sermon, for he feared his wife might die before that time. When he entered the minister surveyed him severely and ordered the usher to take him out. Young Whitefield said to his mother, "Wouldn't that man be allowed to come in and sit down and listen to a gospel sermon?" She answered, "No."

George continued his questions, trying to discover a reason why this man was not entitled to the privileges of others in the church of God. Presently he said: "Mother, when I am big I will be a preacher, and no person shall be so poor that I won't preach to him." This purpose then formed took possession of his youthful mind to the exclusion of all other designs to be wrought out in the years that were to be his. His mother sustained his purpose, and, as every student of ecclesiastical history knows, Whitefield became one of the greatest religious reformers of his day.

The great commentator, Dr. Adam Clarke, was a man the trend of whose life work was determined when a silent chord in his nature was awakened whose vibrations never ceased. And this awakening came in a most unprosperous way and under conditions least likely to stimulate high purpose in the soul of the boy. He was sitting upon the "dunce block," that obsolete barbarism of the English and American schoolroom. A visitor entered, as visitors will when pupils care least to see them. He noticed the boys wearing the "dunce caps," and noting a lad on the block remote from the others he inquired the reason. The teacher answered, all unconscious of the slumbering genius which his stupidity had relegated to the block, "That boy Clarke is a dunce." The visitor noticed tears trickling silently down the cheeks of the lad. He approached him, laid his hand upon his head and said, "My young man, you have lots of good in you; you can make a man some day whose name shall be known all over the world." Clarke looked at the stranger with a new light in his tired eyes and said, "Is that true, sir?" It was a truth in prophecy, for no man, no commentator, has thrown as much light on Scripture interpretation as Dr. Adam Clarke. For a moment let us follow the boy from the dunce block to his home with this gleam of light penetrating his youthful brain. He, no doubt,

dreamed through the night of that great day when the name of "dunce" should be blotted from the calendar of his life. He wakens to begin the formulation of the plan, and his first decisive movement toward its realization was to see that every lesson in the schoolroom was properly learned. He saw the end from the beginning. He planned in detail for its consummation. Like the master mechanic who stands at the river's brink and sees where every wire, every screw, every stone in the mighty structure which is to span its depths shall have place, so young Clarke mapped out the future of his life to the very completion of his vast enterprise, which had in it so much of blessing to the Christian world. Never for a moment did he lose sight of the finished structure. He guarded the building that was made without sound of hammer as the mechanic watches the building of the bridge into which an imperfect stone or rod of iron must not find place.

Such is the power of thought injected into the receptive soul.

Thus are built the "Castles in Air" which are to become the soul's dwelling place, the completed structure of man's loftiest ambition, the realization of his fondest though perhaps most filmy day-dream. Thus, as will be seen, the effect of suggestive thought in the determination of every human destiny is a subject which by parents and teachers should be most carefully studied, and the possibilities which lie within the reach of the boy or girl who can accept a suggestion should be constantly impressed. We lay it down as an axiom that the possibilities within the reach of man are only limited by man's unbelief in himself. The story of Dick Whittington and his cat is one which carries with it the power of suggestion, even when it reaches the mind from extraneous sources. Dick Whittington, when a mere lad, was left an orphan in the city of London. He was friendless and alone. He had just followed his mother to that most desolate of all sepulchres, the grave of a pauper. He turned away with a heavy heart. The world lay before him, but what did it hold for him? Whither should he go? What should he do? Slowly his tired feet wandered along the hillside whose summit overlooked the city, musing that in his mother all of life's hopes were ended. Just then a cat came along by his side, purring and rubbing against him. It was something human. It was a dumb animal, to be sure. But the animal had a voice of silent sympathy. Then the birds sang sweeter, the sun came out of its eclipse. The cat climbed the hill with Dick. Was it this which awakened the voice of dead hopes? Upon the summit, the cat still purring at his feet, Dick looked over the beautiful city, and, responding to the voice, exclaimed, "I will be Lord Mayor of London some day." The cat became his constant companion, but she never said to him, "You can never be Mayor." Wise cat. Would some parents might gather wisdom from this cat. Thus Dick dreamed and every effort had its victory. Thirty-six years thereafter Dick Whittington rode triumphant through the streets of London, clad in the scarlet robes of the Mayoralty, and ascended the Hill of Destiny, with the bronze figure of the cat on the seat beside him. His dream had been fulfilled, and the dumb creature that had been his inspiration shared his honors.

Experience teaches us something not revealed in the dim outline of the day-dream. The day-dream held no hint of the rough edges of the uncut marble, which must be chiseled away before the polished surface should appear, but the chiseling was in itself an inspiration, for daily the marble took on touches of beauty. The lesson of Dick and his cat teaches the strength of suggestion to the mind of the child. The great Catholic Church says, "Give us the first seven years of a child's life and we will hold its future in our hands."

Let me relate an incident of personal observation which illustrates the value of child culture. Two young men were students at the same school. One was able, after completing the school course, to enter the State University. The other had not the means, but entered such avenues of preparation for higher things as the exigencies of his life permitted. Both became teachers. The university graduate was closing school. His friend was present at the exercises. When the students had finished the platonic exercises the friend rose, and after a few complimentary words to the teacher, said to the children, "I want to tell these boys and girls they are laying the foundation for leadership after awhile. You have done well to-day. I remember the day when I first attempted to make a platform speech, I could not repeat it. I went to the teacher and laid my head in her lap, and cried. She said, 'Never mind, you will be able to talk some day, and it will be easier the next time, and when you are a man you may be Congressman or President of the United States.' After that I could make the school-day speeches without crying." Then the teacher rose, and criticised the putting of such possibilities before the mind of the children, saying, "The gentleman who has spoken to you is not a Congressman President, and this proves the foolishness of inspiring such hopes." The speaker rose again and said, "Children, the reason I am not a Congressman is, first, I am not old enough, then my wife does not wish me to enter the political field or be absent from home." He proved himself equal to the occasion.

Thomas A. Edison is a man who has realized day-dreams the wise men of the world denounced as vagaries. Years ago Mr. Edison stated there was no such thing as an impossibility in electrical invention. Years ago, the *Scientific American*, a recognized authority, denounced Mr. Edison for this statement, but after Mr. Edison had invented the telephone and the electric light this publication hailed Mr. Edison as the greatest inventor of the age, and published full pages descriptive of his wonderful achievements. Mr. Edison is realizing his day-dreams. But it is probable that long before the electric railway was completed these railways were running perfectly clear in Mr. Edison's mental conception. He did not hesitate when the leading scientific paper of the world called him a crank. Have the editors of this paper ever been known to invent anything? Why not? It is a fixed law that the view a man takes of the world is simply a reflection of his own view of himself. Note how perfectly easy it is for a man to call another a liar. That consists in simply seeing fault in someone else. These developed powers simply teach us that man is supreme in the domain of mind. Mind is king, and that kingdom is universal. Everything man wants in this world is his if he seeks it aright, seeks it with the consciousness that there is but just one power in the world and that power is what we call God; that man is made in the image and likeness of God and with these same attributes; that if God is everywhere then God is here. If he is omnipresent, if man trusts him, trusts the powers that created, that envelops him, then all things are possible to him who invests himself in that which he seeks.

Patrick Henry spent ten years of his boyhood lying under shady trees in the cool of the day and dreaming what it would mean to him to be a leader of thought in the century in which he lived, what it would signify to speak to listening thousands, while the Virginia hills echoed back the sentiments expressed in his utterances, utterances which would make his name a watchword on the hills of time.

An incident of personal experience runs thus. While I was principal of the Normal School in Morgan County, Mo., a young man who had lived mostly upon a farm, and had had slight opportunities for an education, entered as a pupil. His parents had not encouraged him in the pursuit of knowledge, thinking it would unfit him for the quiet farm life which they desired him to lead. But the young man was resolute. On the first day, as I passed his desk, I observed he had an abstracted air. I laid a couple of drawing cards on his desk. He took the suggestion. A half-hour later I passed his desk, and to my surprise found he had perfectly reproduced the figures. I then laid down a half dozen cards, with variable designs. These he soon reproduced, and some of them were superior to the originals. That night at the close of school I talked with him about the marvelous talent that awaited summons to bring to him all the desire of his heart. The young man was not unaware of his half-buried genius, but he had had this experience. A single term only he attended school. The teacher also taught drawing. After leaving the school the boy purchased some paints and brushes and painted clandestinely in the attic of the house. One day he did not return to the field at the expected hour. His father searched for him, and found him in the attic so absorbed that he was oblivious of time. The father, too obtuse to discover the latent genius of his son, which was crying out for opportunity, destroyed the picture and sent the boy to the field under the threat of punishment for another infraction of filial obedience. In a lecture I had given in the city to which the young man listened I said, "Every person has a legitimate right to all things of human possibilities." That suggestion sent him to the schoolroom. His talents were quickly invested under the touch of gentle encouragement and recognition. What was the result? In three months he was drawing cartoons for *Puck* and *Judge*, and he is to-day recognized as a leading cartoonist. It is he who puts the dollars on Mark Hanna's picture. The signature W. H. T., so familiar to the reading public, will suggest the name of my pupil at the Normal.

The supreme lesson in the study of the subject of day-dreams is, there is but one type of day-dreams which have in them the assurance of realization. That type takes cognizance of the latent power inherent in every human soul, power which can be evoked when the heart fails by lending a helping hand or breathing words of hope. If one cannot dream, one can throw a picture upon the canvas of another dreamer. If one cannot build his own "Castles in Air," he can gather the material for the finished structure of another, and so in the final consummation, like the bronze cat of Dick Whittington, he shall have at least some humble seat beside the Victor. Then let the heart be strong. There are few days which have in them no prophecy of the realization of the day-dream of one's youth.

"O Dreamer of Life's Morning  
Thy bark puts out to sea.  
There lies a waste of waters  
Between thy dream and thee.

"But he who sails Life's Ocean  
With firm and steady hand,  
Shall safely pass Charybdis  
And reach the Promised Land."



## A Lesson of the Falling Leaves

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"All that's bright must fade,  
The brightest still the fleetest."

—Old Song.



H, the leaves, the lungs of the trees!  
How softly do they whisper to us  
the still sad story of humanity, the  
pathos of mortality!

Softer than silence, stiller than  
still air float down from high pine  
boughs the slender leaves.

"They fall and fall till, at November's close,  
The snowflakes drop as lightly—snows on snows."

The leaves of the forest seem to some the most idle, worthless and useless of things, yet let us think how these leaves, the smallest of them, are working to fulfil the gravest ends of creation. In the first place, every leaf of a tree, every blade of grass works with titanic energy to purify the air and make it fit for human creatures to breathe.

The task of decomposing carbon by separating the carbonic acid from the oxygen is deputed to those trembling creatures that flutter so lightly, so airily in the breeze. Yet even this is not enough; they must keep the air fresh by their motion, they must shade the ground, afford shelter for man and beast, they must cool the surface of the earth, and when they have done all this, the little vagrants of the air, when their day of rest might seem to have come, their labor over, their work discharged, their vitality spent, they flutter to the ground only to change the form of their task by making new soil for new trees which shall bear innumerable leaves in their turn. The child kicks them about in the wood, colored with the hues of the rainbow or in their russet hues, until the soil seizes them and works them into itself, and a new earth greets a new heaven from the death mounds of these refuse things. The sleep of winter overtakes them, until the tides of the inner life awake them to renewed activity in the next spring. It is life within life.

The soul of man is a receptacle of the Divine life. It has no life of its own, but it is a form which receives life and appropriates it as if it were its own. There is only one true life in the whole infinite universe, and that is the life of God—the Inner Life of all. This is communicated to all things and all creatures, and in various degrees appropriated by them.

This Inner Life of Being, this Spirit Breath, may be conceived as self-sundering or separating His energy and setting over against Himself a part, as the Life of Nature. This part, by a process of evolution, individuates itself more and more, and finally completes its Individuation and self-activity in the soul of man. Reaching forward, onward and upward, it seeks to come into conscious rapport with the Central, Eternal, unchanging Being of ALL LIFE.

The breath from the Infinite Soul fills all space, permeating living forms in their inner life. This Divine Being is thus constituted the Living Presence everywhere. Identity and consciousness are a part of its manifestation.

There is a compass in the breast which, "though it tremble where it lowly lies," yet still it shows the path marked out for us in heaven.

And as we learn to note the variations of the needle of this spiritual compass, we grow into responsive sensitiveness to the admonitions of the Inward Light, the Spiritual Monitor or the Intuitive nature. The knowledge of the Right comes intuitively, and by the seeking of the spirit, if haply we feel after it.

THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES goes forth on its helpful monthly errand of mercy, seeking and helping all who are willing, first, by teaching of the Truth and Reality of this Inner Life; and next, by teaching and inculcating in every way the practice of Brotherly Love, God, the Fathering Life, Matter, the Nature-Mother, between the outer darkness of cosmic matter and the Inner living Light of all Life.

"Not from the earth, or skies,  
Or seasons as they roll,  
Come health and vigor to the frame,  
But from the LIVING SOUL.  
Is this alive to God  
And not the slave to sin?  
Then will the body, too, receive  
Health from the soul within."

A little leaf was once heard to sigh, as they often do when the blustering wind is about, and the twig said, "What is the matter?" "The wind," said the little leaf, "told me that one day it would pull me off and throw me down to die." The twig told this to the branch and the branch told it to the tree. And when the tree heard of it it rustled all over and sent back word to the leaf: "Do not be afraid, hold on tight and you shall not go until you want to." So the leaf stopped sighing and went on rustling and singing, and grew all summer long, and when the glory of the autumn had come the little leaf saw all

its fellows becoming bright and red and aflame with glory, and it asked what all this meant, and the tree said: "All these leaves are getting ready to fly away and they have put on these robes of glory because of joy." Then the little leaf wanted to go, too, and grew very beautiful thinking of it. It grew bright and rosy and golden, and noticing the branch, said: "Why are you so dull and leaden in color while we are bright with glory?" "We must keep our work-clothes on," said the tree, "for our life work is not done yet, but you have holiday clothes, for your work is over." Just then came a puff of wind and the little leaf let go without thinking, and the wind caught it up and turned it over and over and whirled it off like a spark of fire in the autumn air, and it rustled gently down and rested under the hedge among hundreds of its fellows, and it fell into a dream and never woke up to tell what the dream was about. But soon it began to change its labor, and the chill rain soaked it and it began to make garden mould for the violets to feed on.

Why should not man, the gem and flower of creation, live as harmoniously and usefully as the leaf that was afraid of death? Why should not man sing his summer song of gladness, and then, like some rich dream of beauty, pass away?

"We love to wander through the woodlands hoary,  
In the soft light of the autumnal day,  
When summer gathers up her robes of glory  
And like a dream of beauty glides away.  
Beside the brook and on the unimbered meadow,  
Where yellow fern-tufts fleck the faded ground,  
With folded lids beneath their palmy shadows  
The gentian nods, in dewy slumbers bound."

## The Dawn of a New Civilization

PSYCHOMETRY THE OPEN GATE

To my Fellow-Mystics, Brothers and Sisters:



WE are living in an age of the world when true science and true religion are joining their forces, as they have never been joined since the time of ancient Atlantis, Egypt, India and Chaldea. When that renowned author, physician and friend of all humanity, Dr. Joseph Rhodes Buchanan, coined and brought into the English language, in 1842, the word Psychometry, neither he nor his friends comprehended the great movements of thought that were soon to be ushered into the mundane spheres of life.

Derived from the Greek words *psyche* (meaning soul) and *metron* (to measure), the word literally means soul-measuring, or the inherent power of an awakened human soul to perceive and know all things. As in psychical science we measure temperature by the thermometer, the weight of the atmosphere by the barometer, and the subtle force of electricity by the electrometer, so, in metaphysics, the competent psychometer measures, weighs and comprehends the soul of things. The philosophy of scientific Psychometry is that everything in God's vast universe partakes of the influence of every other thing in proportion to its nearness, and makes a photographic record of it. Our thoughts, words and deeds are thus recorded by the invisible soul of things, and comprehended by those in whom the psychometric power is developed. Professor William Denton has ably shown in his master work, "The Soul of Things," that the careful geologist, by the aid of Psychometry, can read the unseen record of creation's history, as it is unerringly inscribed within the astral substances of the various geological formations, and thus man may truly learn the history of creation and evolution.

The careful physician, by the aid of this wonderful mystic power, can correctly diagnose diseased conditions of mind and body, trace them to their causes, and outline the best and most effective method of treatment.

The chemist, by the aid of Psychometry, is able to read and learn the innate essence and qualities of all elements and compounds.

The historian, with the aid of this all-knowing, all-seeing, divine and God-like power, is able to know and understand the true and the fraudulent claims of his predecessors, and even bring to modern thought the long lost and destroyed records of ancient times. The achievements of Psychometry afford confirmation of the claims of Scripture, wherein we are told, "There is nothing hidden that shall not be revealed." Psychometry, then, being the art or faculty of the soul, in its highest state of development or oneness with the Universal Mind, is the divine method employed by mystic minds of gaining access to the hidden knowledge of all things, in all times, in all places; presents itself to the human race as the golden gateway through which we see the dawn of a new civilization, toward which all mankind is traveling. The civilization of the Coming Century when put beside the civilization of the past, so far transcends them all that even Atlantis, that proud and mighty empire of the seas, wherein the "Ancient Order of the Mystic Brotherhood" long held the sceptre of power, and wherein the still

grander "Ancient Order of the White Magi" was founded by divine authority, pales into insignificance, while Peru, Mexico, Egypt, China, India, Chaldea, Arabia, Persia, Greece and Japan pass into oblivion.

We see in the movements which resulted in the establishment of Psychometry as an exact and demonstrable science the well-directed influences of the great and holy master mystics of the past, who, from the glorious realms of the Summerland, still continue in their works of love and devotion to humanity, and whose united labors have been leading mankind out of the darkness of mediæval ignorance.

Following the introduction of Psychometry came the science of Therapeutic Sarcogony, which is well worth one's time and study, as it is a reliable method of divine healing, adapted to both soul and body. Next comes the movement of modern American Spiritualism, together with Mental Science and the conception of the New Thought; and, lo! here in our own America we see the foundation of a Pyramidal Temple, whose base is the Universal Brotherhood of Man, whose apex is the Fatherhood of God, the Universal Mind from which we see the "Light of the West" begins to be recognized again as of yore, when the colonies of Atlantis were located in North, South and Central America; only that Light is more brilliant now than ever before. In India and Arabia, the Light of the East, that has been shining ever so dimly through the ages, has again been bathed in the glories of the Eternal Law, Light and Truth, and begins again to shine brighter far than ever before. While from the fragments of her Pyramids and Obelisks the ancient light of Egyptian Masonry may still be seen; and on the divinely lighted summits of the Spiritual Alps of Summerland the great and mighty Master Mystics and Magicians of the past, representing two great and mighty orders, the "Twin Mysteries" of the one Eternal Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man, that have been received and accepted of Christ as the perfected Sons of God, are sending their magnetic vibrations to the chosen Mystic Minds of earth. Ministering spirits and guardian angels take up the cry and sing, "Onward, upward, Children of the Earth," thinking men and women are being reached, and to-day the world of literature is shining in the splendor of the New Thought. Man is beginning to know the God-given power within him, and is thus unfolding his psychometric faculties. Preachers are preaching more practical holiness and purity of life, and less of hell and the devil. Doctors are teaching the road to health by correct hygienic means and cleanliness rather than drugs, while holy mystics all over the world are showing the works of Christian Thinking in the highest sense.

And thus, as man advances in the unfoldment of his psychometric powers, he partakes more and more of the wholly or perfected spirit and begins to come into recognition of his divine nature, and to reflect the qualities of divine love; his relations and dealings with his fellow-beings become more charitable, his ideas are more correct, his thoughts grander, his deeds nobler. Thus, in Psychometry, we have the gateway through which the race must pass, in order to gain possession of the heaven-born civilization that is now being ushered in.

While the above words are for the general reader, we wish to say to the members of "The Universal Brotherhood of Mystic Adepts": Through your organization and works, and more especially "The Mystic Success Club," we see the operation of the united powers of The Ancient Order of the Mystic Brotherhood, and the "Ancient Order of the White Magi," is being manifested, though only those of you who have attained to the condition of Nirvana may realize this fact. Your work is one of preparation, to prepare the people of earth to receive the still grander discoveries of occult science and Divine Revelation that are yet to come. Proceed, in God's name, my beloved brother and sister mystics; prepare the soil for the sowing of the Masterhood of the Golden-Armored Knights, open the eyes of the spiritually blind, that they can see, and the ears of the deaf, that they may hear, for a great, glorious and lasting revelation of truth and demonstration of science, far beyond the present thought of man, will be given to you and the people of earth as soon as your labor of preparation is over.

And unto all who read these lines shall come the Love of God and the Perfect Peace of the Masterhood of Christ, and be with you, one and all, evermore.

Your Brother in Holy Love,  
CLARENCE S. TISDALE,  
Gainesville, Mo.

Let us strive to live the Higher Life—the Deeper Life—the Christ Life.

"It is faith in something, and enthusiasm for something, that makes a life worth looking at."

And this is the secret of the great success of The Mystic Success Club and its members; we set aflame and aglow faith and hope in each member; we enthrone each member by lifting him or her up out of the mire of doubt and fear; we lead them to the Real and the Permanent in Life here and now.

In oneness with the ALL is spiritual victory.—  
A. Z.



## HEART TALKS

By Helen  
Van-Anderson

ANOTHER month, with its needs, its opportunities and its rich privileges! I am glad you have written your desires so fully, glad you are so earnest in your longing to do something, dear hearts. One correspondent says: "Tell me some way—any way—by which I may do my part in the great work." Another wails: "My life is so useless, I seem able to do nothing but to make my daily bread, and I long for opportunities to live the larger life." And still another writes: "I would like to take part in the active work, but I have not the gift of public speaking, and so must be content, for it is necessary to have some gift before one can do much."

What better can I do than to tell you a few stories from the life books I have been reading lately, real stories, I assure you, written on the faces and flashing from the eyes of those who have lived them and are living them day by day? I pray that you may see as much in them and be as much helped by them as I have.

There came to see me one day recently an old lady, at least she would have been called that by the average speaker, yet she had such a cheery countenance, such bright eyes, and such a sympathetic voice, that she could only belong to youth, with its joy, energy and vigor. "I am interested," she began, "in all you talk and write about, and the beautiful things in the Magazine, and I've come to tell you they're all true, for I've proved them." She laid great emphasis on the "proved," and the shine in her eyes, as she said it, would have done your heart good. "Yes," she went on, "there is nothing in all the world more happyfying than to send beautiful thoughts to everybody, and there isn't a night that I lay my head on the pillow but I think, 'Somebody's happier to-night, because Mrs. Lett's alive.'" (Mrs. Lett is herself.) The depth of tone, the little tremble in the voice, told me unutterable things.

"The two young women who live with me are just like my own daughters, and if they had a bit of bread only an inch long, they would give me two-thirds of it, although they never have to, thank God! for we have all we need, and three meals a day at that. When my husband was living, he was one of the most prominent and well-known business men in our country, and I had everything wealth could supply. Now look at me—selling soap for a living! . . . But I'm a great deal larger woman than I was then; . . . far more of a woman, praise God!" An eloquent silence.

"It was hard," she resumed, "hard to go out among people to sell soap, but I did. I cried a little at first, then I cheered up and went to work with all my heart. I went everywhere; among the poorest, as well as the rich. I had never seen poverty before as I saw it then, among all those people, but it was not long before even the poorest would look for my weekly visit, and have some little tidbit for me, or tell me some tale of woe, hoping I could help. I always did what I could, and you can well understand how it became my greatest pleasure to do for them. Oh, there isn't a street or an alley in this city that I don't know, and I spend eight hours a day traveling about with my faithful Jean. I sit in the carriage and she jogs along, and we have the best of times telling each other secrets and enjoying the beautiful world together.

"I get into this carriage about forty times a day, and climb twenty-two pairs of stairs, but I feel as young as ever. . . . Yes, I'm provided for. Every day's need is supplied. I only have one prayer, but I pray it most of the time: 'Thou knowest my need, Father. Show me what to do just this moment.' And He does. He not only shows me what to do, but sends me friends, gives me opportunities, and does everything I could wish for. . . . Oh, my life is greater, richer, fuller than it ever could have been if I had had all that money."

"Sorrow? Oh, my dear, it nearly killed me at first, for my husband was the idol of my heart, as I was of his. We were perfectly happy. . . . But it was kinder to him to let him go first. He never would have stood life alone, but God knew I could. He knew I could bear the awfulness of separation, because I would learn after a while that love never dies, and love knows no separation. . . . I never could have learned the lesson, though, if I had brooded and grieved and kept apart. But, you see, I didn't. God mercifully put me to work. I knew then the ministry of sorrow. . . .

"Isn't this a beautiful world, and isn't it glorious to be alive?"

Doesn't this little story tell you something, as it did me? Doesn't it make you feel the possibility of finding the silver lining to every cloud, of finding "sermons in stones, books in the running brooks, and good in everything"?

Here is another glimpse of a soul that gives daily

sunshine to the poor, dark world, because she is doing her work beautifully and well. A teacher, with home environments that would make many a young man or woman run away, yet which this girl accepts with the grace of an angel, working all the harder to save and reclaim a mother whose rage often vents itself in threatening the life and safety of the daughter, meeting harsh words with silence, persecutions with blessings, this noble heroine not only does her school work with supreme ability, but reaches the very souls of her pupils through the love and delight in her daily life and its activities in their behalf. Having purchased and fitted up a tiny little house in the slums of her city, she has dedicated it to the service and upliftment of those who wish to learn and live the better life. There her spare evenings are spent, in teaching, consoling, guiding and directing whosoever comes to receive, and they are many. At least once during the week, generally on Sunday, she visits the almshouse or jail, where her coming is always looked forward to with delight and piteous eagerness.

She has had her dreams of home and motherhood, but they have never materialized. "And now," she says, bravely, "it does not matter. I will go on doing what my hand finds to do. I will be true to my opportunities, and fulfil my destiny by exercising every faculty I possess to the utmost. If I cannot have children of my own to love and cherish, I will love and cherish other people's, for they are mine if I love them."

She had just been telling me how, at last, a mother with an ungovernable child of ten had finally consented to let Miss — have full and complete charge, "which I am most happy to take, you may be sure," she had said to me, "for I shall put her into hands that will give the best of care, and in every way be a moral defence to the poor little wail."

Turn over the leaves of another Life Book.

This belongs to the Silent Man. Though he never speaks at a meeting, he is always there. No one seems to know where he lives, or why he comes, for he says nothing at any time. Yet his presence is eloquent. Often he is my greatest inspiration when I stand before the audience in his city. His eyes bear witness to the deep appreciation in his soul. They flash a recognition of truths waiting to be called forth by such eager receptivity as his. Many were the good words I heard about his faithful attendance during the summer, when it seemed hard to carry on a meeting because during the hot weather so many stay at home.

"Why, it gave us heart and courage to see him always there, and you don't know how much his coming meant to us," said one of the ladies in charge. He evidently has no consciousness of a gift for public speaking, yet he is what I should call an active member, because his interest, his faithfulness, makes him alive, and he is a living though silent activity which everyone feels.

Here is another heroic soul, whose love goes out not only to poor and friendless people, but the animals, who are so in need of help and the touch of sympathetic hands. Homeless cats, dogs and ill-treated horses would unite in a prolonged utterance of thanks if they only could. She was telling me not long since how she spent several hours hunting and calling a lost cat who, hearing her voice and replying with vigor, was finally rescued from a cellar prison.

You may say, "But that was surely a waste of time that might have been better spent." No, not one moment of loving activity is ever lost, whether it be spent on behalf of animal or man.

It is in acts of sympathy and love that the soul gains the exercise necessary to development. Many a life is shut up, withered and useless, because the soul is denied opportunity for this kind of exercise.

Here is one more glimpse from a life page. This man has no idea how much he is doing toward keeping the world's pulse calm, and makes no pretension to knowing any but the commonplace phases of life. In a previous conversation he had told me that having considered angry and impatient words useless, no matter what the provocation, he had resolved never to utter them, and had found it just as easy to say something pleasant, or nothing at all, as before when he had given way to the anger. The serenity of his face and bearing, together with the marked placidity of his personal atmosphere, had impressed me at the time very deeply, and when, recently, I had the pleasure of another visit with him and his lovely wife, he unconsciously revealed how much his power of self-control was impressing his friends and associates.

We were speaking of the automobile and how much patience is required by those who own or manage one. "I wanted to use mine last week," said Mr. —, "and when I went to the station house I was told that it needed some repairing and

was in the engineer's hands, but would be ready the next day. I called at the appointed time and found that the order had been neglected and the machine had not been touched. They made profuse apologies, and said a man should be put to work on it that instant. 'Well,' I said, 'I'll stay and watch them fixing it, instead of taking the ride I expected.' . . . I never saw such dumfounded men as they were. Evidently they expected I would fairly blow them up. . . . As it was, they flew around, got the machine in order, and suggested all kinds of services they would like to do for me. We all had a good time, and are the best of friends in the world."

I did not say it, but I thought, this man's example will do more to establish the golden rule in that place of business than all the preaching they might hear in a lifetime.

Beloved, think on these things. To think is to act. . . . "All action is of an infinite elasticity, and the least admits of being inflated with the celestial air until it eclipses the sun and moon."

Peace, harmony and melody can be found only in the Spirit.

No evil can ever harm us except as we build it into our world with our own hands.—Henry Wood.

Greed and envy binds countless men and women to poverty, drudgery and disease; man is negative and without power or force to do or achieve as long as he is poisoned with the miasma of greed and envy. Of the two defects in man envy is worse than greed.

Truth itself is neither Past, Present nor Future, but Eternal and Omnipresent; each day countless souls are awakening and beginning to bask in the Love, Light and Peace of Truth. The great Angel of Truth and his mighty hosts, through our earnest and ceaseless prayers, selected and appointed a few God-loving Mystics to organize The Mystic Success Club. Blessed privilege! Behold God's wondrous work for humanity through this holy band of fervent God-loving men and women! In a little while many thousands in all parts of the world responded to the call, and we are banded together for one holy and righteous aim. Such is the Power of Prayer and eternal and universal love. Prayer leads man to know; Omniscience not only leads man to knowledge, but it makes him know that he does know.—The Mystics of The Mystic Success Club.

The more popular a prejudice is the more likely it is to be an insane and foolish illusion. Look back into the Dark Ages and marvel at the ill-will, ill-temper and bloodshed caused by popular prejudices. In this very age of Love and Light man is more or less marred by his modified prejudices. We see this in religions, sects, churches, reforms and parties. Come, let us stand and walk erect, as great souls, freed from prejudice and set opinions. It is not God-like to think our way to perfection the only way; our way, be it ever so perfect in our own eyes, may not be the way for our brother. There is one simple and eternal Way of Love, which teaches man to be broad, tolerant, charitable and unprejudiced.—Brother Ananda.

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## THE VALUE OF PRAYER

By HORATIO W. DRESSER

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HERE is great significance in the good old custom of beginning every important undertaking, of starting each day with prayer. In these days, when many have outgrown the terminology of the older prayers, there is a tendency to omit prayer altogether. In many families the habit of prayer has been kept up as a matter of form, while its value has been forgotten. It is important to consider the function of prayer in all times and places, in order that its permanent element may be distinguished from its forms and misuses.

It is a superficial reaction against the custom of offering prayer to allege that the language in which prayers are expressed is sentimental and absurd. The language of prayer is incidental. It takes the form of man's beliefs. When man believed in an overruling Providence who could do anything, it was customary to ask for all sorts of foolish things. It seemed necessary to inform God just who were ill in the parish, and to pray for certain specified persons in a specified way. The growth of the conception of natural law has had much to do with the change of attitude in regard to these prayers; for, in a universe where all things are provided according to law, it is of course absurd to persist in asking for the unlawful. The old conception of Providence has gone, and with it the notion that God needs to be informed concerning the needy and the sinful. Man now believes in the God of uniformity and system, hence he no longer expects God to upset the divine order to suit his caprice. But a new conception of Providence has come forward, and the reason for prayer is as persuasive as ever. No true prayer was ever a capricious or selfish thing. Nor does true prayer consist in mere petition.

From the point of view of form, the older prayers were decidedly inconsistent and un-Christian. One of the fundamental propositions of the Christian faith as set forth by Jesus is the declaration that the Father already knows what things we have need of before we ask Him, that all things have been provided, that His loving care is perfect. Since all things have been arranged in accordance with the highest wisdom, no man clothed in his right mind would have them changed. Since that loving care applies even to the sparrow, to the little details, and to the morrow, there is nothing to be added. Any prayer, then, which shows the least distrust, the least tendency to regulate things, is un-Christian. The conception of a law-governed universe is as clear and explicit in Jesus' sayings as it could be made. Man need not have waited until modern science had taught the reign of law to see that the old idea of Providence is not a true conception. Providence means a looking ahead. The contingencies of life are provided for far in advance, not when they arise and when an over-anxious man informs an ignorant God. Providence is wisdom, and the wisdom of the divine order is eternal.

According to the conception of prayer which Jesus makes so persuasively clear, prayer does not and cannot change or improve anything in the divine order. The human part is not to alter or to improve, but to discover and to follow. Jesus makes a number of emphatic statements about certain kinds of public prayers, uttered for effect, which rule out certain prayers frequently heard in our churches as "vain repetitions." The true prayer is uttered "in secret," that is, it is an affair of the heart. One must first turn aside from the world of show and self-seeking, and take a certain attitude of soul. This may be done in public, or in solitude. The essential is that humble, receptive attitude which puts one in a position to become aware of that which has "already been provided."

Prayer does make a difference, then. It has its place, a very necessary place, in the religious life. But it makes a difference with man, not with God or the universe. For man forgets that the providence of God applies to all things. He wanders away in pursuit of his own little plans. The great resource is to drop all that, seek the solitudes of the spirit, in the inner world, meditate on the wisdom of God, and once more feel the forward rhythm of the divine life, as it carries all things forward to completion. That which is discerned within, in the secret place of the Most High shall presently be made known openly, in the external life. The reward shall be in proportion to the prayer, that is, in accordance with the receptivity, the adjustment to the divine rhythm. In so far as the prayer is uttered in a forgiving spirit, the result will be of the same character.

But should one express the prayer in definite words? Should one ask for specific things? Certainly. From one point of view, even the old petitions were true prayer. The form of words matters little if the right spirit is put into them. Prayer is a certain attitude, an attitude toward the ideal. It is worship. It lifts the mind into a higher state, puts it into a certain spirit. The world of prayer

is a large, universal world. We may not receive precisely what we ask for, or receive it when we ask for it. We cannot tell when our prayers may be answered, or how. But the essential is to put the soul once more into the divine current of things, in order that whatever may be wise shall come in its own good time.

It is well to ask for specific things, because we then take a very definite attitude of worship and readiness. And it is as true as ever that our prayers are answered in a very wonderful way. Prayer is one of the factors in the law of spiritual supply and demand. Here is a person, for example, who has resources to draw upon, power to impart, wisdom to give. Here is another who needs help. The first consecrates himself and his resources to the uses of the spirit. The second reaches out for help. Both put themselves into the divine current of things, so that one is guided to give, the other to receive. Both have fulfilled the divine will, yet God has changed nothing.

The value of prayer as the right beginning of things is therefore this: Knowing that there is a divine order in which all things have been provided, we naturally desire to lift the new undertaking to the higher level and launch it in the higher spirit. If it be not worth beginning with prayer, then we had better not begin it. If irreverent people looking on, forgetful of the value of prayer, scoff at the notion, then show by your conduct that the spirit of true religion is still abroad in the land. If there are young people present who smile at your supposed weakness when you begin the meal with a silent or spoken grace, let them once more feel the spirit of reverence which is so often lacking in these days. If you would have your day be all that it can be, if you would sleep the sleep of the little child, commend your spirit unto the Father in the good old-fashioned way. Even if you have persuaded yourself that God is some sort of impersonal "Absolute," be human again, and pray to God as the Father, and make the relation as personal as you please. The God of the heart is the true God, anyway, so you may as well disregard the abstruse arguments of the would-be philosophers. God answers prayer as much as He ever did, and He has been answering it all down through the ages, because all down through the ages it has been necessary for man to seek readjustment with the Father. Man has not been able to run his life alone. The divine spirit has ever moved upon him. It is ever ready to aid. On the God-ward side the power that is active in prayer is unceasing in its good works. The man who prays "without ceasing" is the man who ever carries about with him the realization that "my Father worketh hitherto and I work." Thus prayer is part of the creative life of God. It reveals the divine grace, and the divine grace is no respecter of persons.

From the point of view of form, the Lord's Prayer is unsatisfactory, for it asks God not to lead man into temptation, and of course God would not do that. But prayer is to be understood in the spirit, not by the letter. The Lord's Prayer expresses the aspiring spirit in its desire for liberty. The form matters little. Some of the recorded prayers of Jesus, when the crucifixion was near, seem a little strange when we consider who it was that uttered them. But in those prayers the human self is revealed in its ascent to the divine as it is revealed nowhere else in all literature. The supreme prayer is the consecration of the soul where the way is indeed hard. To travel upon that way even Jesus found it necessary to go apart into the mountain to pray. If he needed it, how much more do we! And there is no problem in the wide range of our needs and difficulties which will not be carried forward to its solution by taking it up into the mount of prayer. Never mind, then, if your words often fall below the standard, and reveal inconsistencies. The essential is to pray, really to pray. Do that, and the other things shall be added.

Earnestness and sincerity are natural qualities of the spiritualized mind, and are the marked qualities of the man of success.

### For All Aspiring Spirits

SOME OF THE MOST INSPIRING AND HELPFUL READING IN THIS MAGAZINE IS FOUND ON THE PAGES GIVEN TO THE WORK AND PROGRESS OF THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB. BY ALL MEANS DO NOT NEGLECT TO READ THESE PAGES, ESPECIALLY THE MANY TESTIMONIES AND EXPERIENCES OF MEMBERS WHO ARE QUICKLY REACHING PERMANENT HEALTH, GREAT AND LASTING PEACE AND JOY, AND MATERIAL SUCCESS. NO MOVEMENT OF THIS CHARACTER IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD HAS BEEN GREATER IN ITS WORK FOR THE GOOD OF MANKIND. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS CLUB IS INCREASING AT SUCH A RATE THAT IT IS NOW BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE GREAT TWENTIETH CENTURY BLESSING THAT IS TO HELP USHER IN THE MILLENNIAL ERA.—A Mystic.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

### Life Is Action—Doing and Achieving

Come, let the soul penetrate all the mysteries of Being. Ask the God within the soul for that eternal solvent Light that solves and dissipates all darkness. Darkness is only the absence of light. Tear away the dark opaque veils of ignorance and illusion! Unveil thy self, the eternal soul! Recognize and realize thy self. That is all there is to absolute Freedom—eternal bliss. Unveil the soul! Unveil the soul! Open thy mind! Redeem thy self! Come into the Kingdom! Find the Christ within and become Christed! Penetrate all the mysteries!

"Revelation is not sealed  
Answering upon man's endeavor,  
Truth and Light are still revealed;  
That which came to Eastern sages—  
Greek, barbarian, Roman, Jew—  
Written in the heart's deep pages,  
Shines to-day forever new."

We are all His well beloved.

If anything is repulsive to thee in this blessed world, then thou art still asleep, beloved.—A. Z.

Great seers, sages and prophets in all ages conversed with spirits and angels. To-day, more than ever, "clairvoyants and clairaudients under certain conditions see and converse with those dwellers that tread the evergreen shores of immortality. To such the future life is knowledge, and Spiritualism gives knowledge for faith." Faith and belief are well in their way, and as a means to an ultimate, but they can never bring the peace and bliss that come through knowledge. In the Higher Thought of the present day men are coming to know, and are fearless and progressive, happy and successful in all they do. Man is adding a sixth and seventh "sense," if you please to call it a "sense." Clear-seeing and clear-hearing are the fruits or gifts of the soul, the developed psychic powers that are latent in all men. There is a superconscious or blessed state in which we see all, hear all and know all. This comes with perfect recognition and realization of our eternal oneness with the ALL.—The Blissful Prophet.

All men have an innate love for character, sanity, soberness, peace, harmony, melody, and that is the reason a whole or complete man always has such tremendous power in the world. Live the life if you would help the Whole—and be a blessing to others and your self.—Frank Harrison.

Man advances as he grows and expands in mind—as he opens his mind, by the power of the eternal God within the soul.—The Blissful Prophet

The world and all that is in it grows orderly and beautiful as we learn to live within. The Inner expands and lightens the Outer. Indeed, in a while we live in universals and eternals, and heaven is now and here. Such is the power of Spirit.

Oh, ye of little faith! why suffer so? Why be bonded slaves to passions, desires and ambitions? Why not awake and be free? Eternally Free! Dost thou know what absolute Freedom means? Dost thou know what eternal bliss is? Halt! sayest thou not, it is impossible here and now, lest thou display the weakness of thy mind. Come, beloved, be free now and here. Thou art an eternal child of the blessed All Father. Rouse thy self and be free!

Strive to make your whole life now and here glorious and triumphant. Live in fulness of eternal life to-day. Do all you can for the good of the Whole. Be progressive. Grow and expand. Our existence on the earth plane is not for idle and indolent fancies; it is to do; to do each day willingly and cheerfully that which is nearest our hands to do, whether making bread or writing an epic. The great thing in this world is to think, observe, reason, toil, labor, serve and work. As we are perfect in little things we will grow and expand to larger and better things. This is the eternal law. The soul never dodges nor shirks a present duty. This is the way to perfect development.

Clairvoyants see what others cannot, and the proof that they do see the so-called "unseen" is that in all ages and all places men and women of the highest purity and repute have uniformly seen exactly the same things. And mark this, these clear-seeing seers have in no wise been active in trying to make anyone believe what they saw. A real Seer only suggests, in love, how others can come in union or at-onement with God, knowing that all will, sooner or later, under the Divine Law of Evolution, come into oneness and have the power of clear-seeing and clear-hearing—the power to see and hear angels. By spiritual growth we get these psychic powers in their highest degrees and in no other way.



## The Life of the Child of God

By Ellen M. Dyer, in Practical Ideals

Who of us understands, as yet, how deep and broad, how measureless in power, is the true life of him who has consciously become a child of God?

All are His children and negatively recipients of His bounty, else there were no existence for mankind; but to consciously and co-operatively claim the divine birthright, to utter the "Abba, Father," with a daily increasing realization of its vital import, is to step from shadow to sunlight, from the life of limitation and struggle to that of power, rest and fruition.

It is a life of abundance. All things belong to God. Infinite Power means boundless supply; infinite Love means unbroken harmony; infinite Wisdom means all-comprehending knowledge; there is no limit on the God side. All that makes for health, which is unbounded vitality expressed on the exterior plane, is, by a fixed law, always in perpetual subsistence awaiting the call to outer manifestation. If not in evidence already, the finer and more interior forces of the being are, as yet, in some way bound or obstructed, and need but to be liberated by the word of recognition and demand.

Again, since all things belong to God we obtain nothing except from the one Source. Interchange of commodities, buying and selling, giving and receiving, thinking and doing, are but occasions and modes of receiving from God. And we receive according to the degree of our intelligent recognition and the way we make our demand; for God's abundance becomes known to man only as with confidence he claims it and uses it.

Niagara Falls has been a wonder of sublime grandeur and beauty to the past generations. They visited it and stood with bated breath awed by the majesty of power; then returned to their manufactories, and worked on in their small ways by use of steam and horse-power as before. Now we are demanding of this same majestic bit of nature that it serve us, that it work for us. We are appropriating it and harnessing it to our needs. We are mastering it and utilizing its force. And by so much are we larger, and our lives larger of accomplishment; for we are as large as our demand plus the intelligence to make greater demand. We prove our worthiness of the facilities at our command by the appreciation that is shown in the use of these facilities.

God has given man, His child, to have supreme dominion over all that is lesser than himself. We realize this wondrous birthright and become worthy of it only as we reach out to it hourly, uninterruptedly—reach out to it to call it to ourselves even as we confidently lay our hand upon the book we would lift to our lap, the food we would bring to our lips, or as we would cast our eye in the direction of that we would see. "In quietness and confidence shall be our strength" in this outreaching. Agitation disturbs, hurry delays, doubt mystifies, vacillation interrupts the process through which our own is coming to us naturally and harmoniously in response to growing demand.

What does it mean to demand? Simply to focalize the infinite abundance in which we are immersed. When the bird sings; when the tornado changes the river-bed; when the bud drinks in the dew and opens to blossom; when man breathes in the air and converts it to speech, or seizes an idea and converts it into deed, Infinity is being focalized through demand. Demand is realization through minutest application.

When man limits himself he limits the God whom he images. When he limits the power of anything or of all things to serve him, he limits himself who is greater than they, and God who is His own limitless source. What small lives we have been living, and what large lives we may live, if having eyes we will see, having ears we will hear, having hands we will take and use the things that God hath prepared for those that know Him, love Him and consecrate themselves to His service!

"Know ye not that ye are gods, kings upon thrones? Your slightest wish is heard; your persistent desire (demand) compels obedience." Let us rise to the dignity of our royal inheritance. With never a downward look, but with lifted eye and heart of faith, let us take hold of the possibilities folded within us and lying all about us. Let us gather up our forces and use them; let us call into service our longings and aspirations and live them. So shall we build for ourselves more stately mansions, leaving the low-vaulted past farther and farther behind us.

But are we not thus presenting to the world another and most subtle form of egotism? Far from it; for not until the soul has learned that separated from the Father he can do nothing is he ready to become consciously and co-operatively the child of God. Then has he risen to the "heights of humility" where self is not and God is all; he can have no desire, make no demand save in the service of the Highest.

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in."

The thirst for the infinite proves infinity.—Victor Hugo.

## Just Tell Them So

THERE'S much to do the whole way through,  
And little use complaining,  
For the darkest night will change to light  
And the blackest cloud quit raining.  
If worth you find in weak mankind,  
'Twill do all good to know  
That someone thought they nobly wrought  
And frankly told them so.

Enough will remain of bitter pain,  
With all the aid you lend;  
Some will be sad and others glad,  
On down to the journey's end.  
As in the throng you pass along,  
With rapid strides or slow,  
If virtue you see in bond or free,  
Just stop and tell them so.

There are many cares in home affairs  
That wear the brain and heart,  
And many a way, 'most every day,  
In which to bear a part.  
If you love your wife as you do your life,  
It will keep your heart aglow,  
And make her feel your love is real  
To often tell her so.

If on the road you see a load,  
Some pilgrim downward pressing,  
A willing hand to help him stand  
Will bring you back a blessing.  
So in the fight 'twixt wrong and right  
That's waging here below,  
Should praise be said, don't wait till dead  
Before you tell them so.

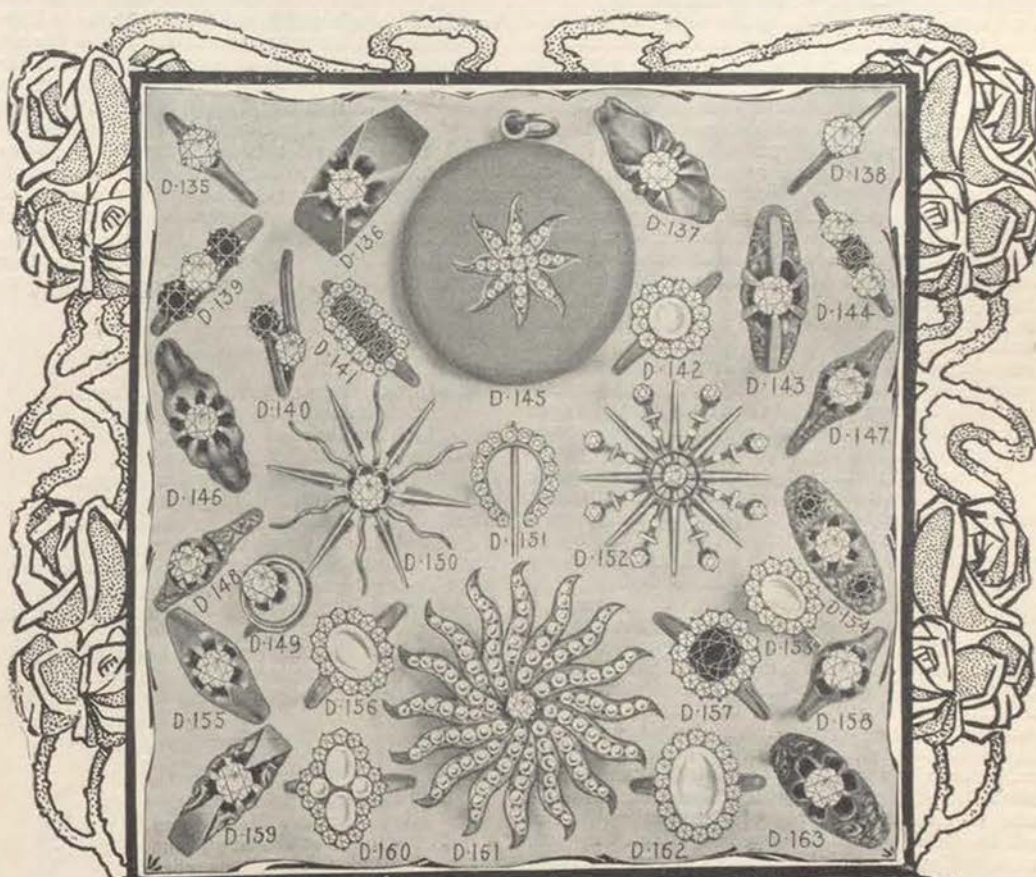
## Things that Never Die

THE pure, the bright, the beautiful,  
That stirred our hearts in youth,  
The impulses to wordless prayer,  
The streams of love and truth;  
The longings after something lost,  
The spirit's yearning cry;  
The striving after better hopes—  
These things can never die.

The timid hand stretched forth to aid  
A brother in his need;  
A kindly word in grief's dark hour,  
That proves a friend indeed;  
The plea for mercy softly breathed,  
When justice threatens high;  
The sorrow of a contrite heart—  
These things shall never die.

The cruel and the bitter word,  
That wounded as it fell;  
The chilling want of sympathy  
We feel, but never tell;  
The hard repulse, that chills the heart,  
Whose hopes are bounding high,  
In an unfading record kept—  
These things shall never die.

Let nothing pass, for every hand  
Must find some work to do;  
Lose not a chance to waken love—  
Be firm and just, and true;  
So shall a light that cannot fade  
Beam on thee from on high,  
And angel voices say to thee—  
"These things shall never die."  
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## THE MAN OF THE PAST

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THE formation of the animal type from the formless bits of slime that constituted the first atom of life depended on the habits of the locomotion acquired.

They all started from the common accidental device of excrescences protruding beyond the outline of the body, against which floating bodies lodged and were thence absorbed; but in one type the tendency was developed to produce these excrescences impartially on all sides of the body, thus producing ultimately radiate creatures like starfish and polypi, while another type had the advantage, as it proved, of acquiring the habit of annexing its food "end on," so to speak. As ages passed, innumerable variations of this type were doubtless produced, but it seems that, again, two only survived. One of these attained mobility and safety—for at a very early period those only began to survive who could protect themselves against the absorptive faculties of their neighbors—in a jointed and hardened integument; while the other type had the joints and the stiffening inside. From the former type have descended all such creatures as worms, woodlice, lobsters and insects; and with these we have no further concern.

Our ancestor belonged to the other type, for he was undoubtedly a person with his stiffening inside, else what should we be doing for backbones? He still lived in the shallows of the vast sea, propelling himself through the water by the wagging of his body; but as ages passed, one member of the family acquired the habit of scrambling over the mud by means of projections, which in succeeding generations were improved into rudimentary limbs, stiffened by lateral prolongations of the stiffening inside. That is why our legs and arms are jointed to our backbones. Perhaps the modern goggle-eyed mudfish, which wobbles and wallows in the slimy mangrove swamps of the East, most nearly reproduces in outline the first great advance made by our ancestors, after they had acquired jointed backbones and rudimentary limbs; and, though the snakes have dispensed with limbs altogether, and the fishes have modified them to fins, our branch of the family undoubtedly made the wiser choice in attaching less importance to the wagging of their hinder end as a means of progression than to the use of those lateral processes which have become our limbs. The wisdom of the choice may not have been obvious at first; but the blessings of evolution generally come in disguise. Indeed, to the philosopher of those days, had there been one, it might even have seemed that when at an earlier stage our parents neglected the vegetable habit of safely planting themselves upon a suitable spot, they made a serious mistake, and he would have pointed to the striking contrast between the luxuriance of vegetation compared with the struggling life of the crawling creatures at its roots. Even to-day, if it were merely a question of the difference between the mangrove tree and the mudfish, which paddles about under its tangled branches, the advantage might not to a casual observer from another planet seem to be all on the side of the mudfish. But we who have also chosen locomotion, and to that end have adopted the system of backbone and limbs, know that, whatever pleasures plants may enjoy, they can know little of the joys of hunting, fighting and love-making, the trinity of functions which constitute animal "life." Indeed, from the animal's point of view the majority of plants might just as well be dead for all the pleasure which they can have, and yet the only difference between the earliest animal and the earliest plant, children of a common parent, was that they chose different methods of obtaining nutriment.

And at every subsequent parting of the branches of the genealogical tree of humanity we can see how by chance our ancestors always had forced upon them that which was the best for the future. When for instance, the members of our branch of the family began to crawl about clumsily on dry land, dragging heavy tails after them, how clumsy and foolish they must have appeared in comparison with their cousins who retained aquatic habits and swiftly darted hither and thither through the water with a waggle of the body and sweep of the wide tail! Even when the burden of the tail grew less and the limbs became more prominent and powerful—a transformation which we may see repeated each spring in the development of the frog from the tadpole—how small the advantage would have appeared to a philosopher of the period! Indeed, comparing the types of frog and crocodile, it is more than likely that he would have given preference to the saurian. But the highest evolution arises from the successful negotiation of the greatest obstacles; as we may see in the superiority of our hardy Northern races, who have always been compelled to labor in order to live, over the uncivilized inhabitants of luxuriant regions where the problem of livelihood presents no difficulties. So long as monkeys can live like monkeys they will remain monkeys; but the hard struggle for existence may teach them, too, as it has taught us, to acquire new powers in order

to escape extinction, and then they will cease to be monkeys, though they will not be men. They parted company from us at the last corner in our difficult journey, and there are no short-cuts to recover lost ground in evolution. And we cannot help feeling sorry for the monkeys, because it really seems as if this particular turning was the only one of real importance since our common ancestor elected by accident to have his stiffening inside instead of outside. Between the eating, fighting and love-making of the crocodile, the eagle, the lion, or the whale, and that of the monkey, there does not seem much difference; and what other joy in life has he which they have not? He has, in fact, gained nothing by belonging to our branch of the family when we discarded our tails as means of locomotion; retained our four limbs for the purpose of running on the ground instead of flapping two of them like birds; and learned to use our toes for the purpose of grasping. The originator of the monkey family may indeed have considered, if he thought about the matter at all, that our ancestor was much to be pitied when he began to abandon the use of his hind toes in this way, for the greater convenience of a flat foot in running or walking. And no doubt the abandonment was quite involuntary on our part. It may be that our ancestor was driven forth to find his living in a treeless land, where he acquired the habit of running hungrily after the prey on which he was forced to subsist, in place of fruit plucked without effort in the primeval forests.

Perhaps it was in some such chase that—possibly in a fit of anger such as balked monkeys fall into—he seized his first missile and flung it, with the happiest effect, at his escaping dinner. Hence the art of hunting and the use of weapons. And familiarity with the weapon in time suggested its use as a tool, the earliest application of the tool being doubtless analogous to carving-knife or hammer, to divide a slaughtered animal among the family or to smash through the hard shell of a turtle or mollusk. Speech was first evolved by the necessities of combination to guard against enemies; for an animal which had learned to use the lethal weapons, missiles and tools ceased to be dependent upon either his personal agility or powerful teeth for the purposes of offense and defense.

### Life's Completeness

THERE are no lives unfinished, incomplete. God gives each man at birth some work to do, Some precious stone of strange prismatic hue To carve and polish, till it shall be meet To place within his temple, still and sweet. Ere that be done, the soul may not pass through The door to grander worlds, to aim more true, To wider life with love's sweet joys replete. And, if the working time be short, and earth With its dear human ties be hard to leave, Be sure that God, whose thought hath given thee birth, Still holds for thee the best thou canst receive; Be sure the soul, in passing through that door, Though losing much, gains infinitely more.

—Christian Leader.

### Spring Sowing

THE farmer sows, in the early spring,  
His seed with a liberal hand,  
For well he knows that autumn will bring  
What alone his toils command.  
Sow thou, in the springtime of life, with care  
The good that thou hop'st to see;  
For only what foresight and toil prepare  
Will its autumn bring to thee.

The golden wealth of the mellowing corn  
That waves o'er a thousand plains,  
Was buried in furrows, in darkness born,  
And matured, in single grains.  
So bury thy seed with unstinted toil,  
The good and the gains to be;  
And a hundredfold from the cultured soil  
Shall the harvest come to thee.

"King, be thy thoughts imperious like thy name.  
Is the sun dimmed that gnats do fly in it?  
The eagle suffers little birds to sing,  
And is not careful what they mean thereby,  
Knowing that with the shadow of his wing  
He can at pleasure stint their melody."

Guide me, O Lord, thy way,  
In faith and joy, I pray!  
Thy word of saving power  
Gives light and clearness every hour;  
And as the shadows lift for me,  
Thy glorious way I plainer see.  
My heavy burdens, hard to bear,  
Are lifted by thy loving care;  
And thus as I commune with thee,  
Thy "word" alone hath set me free.

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The time for classes, exclusiveness, separation, is departing. People's natures are becoming more complex. We have many sides to our nature. We are not so unlike one another. And the cause of this growing Equality and Harmony is to be found in the growing Consciousness, the wider Knowledge, the expanded Recognition. We are all One.

### Dissipation in Reading

As there may be intemperance in everything, there may be dissipation in so good a thing as reading. Healthful reading is one of the most beneficial of all mental exercises, though it is not, as some mistakenly imagine, the best. But when reading is done without intellectual stimulation, merely to kill time, it becomes a low form of dissipation, for it dissipates the mentality. Again, when it is done merely to excite the imagination, to overstimulate the mind, it is equally dissipating and dangerously unhealthful.

The reading of modern works on metaphysics and psychology is helpful, as they lift the mind out of the lower grooves of life.

A holy book is always inspiring and uplifting. We can recommend the reading of the books of Henry Wood, James Allen and Dr. Peebles. THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES publishes and sells two great books, namely, "The Right Knock," by Helen Van Anderson, price \$2 postpaid, and "The Hindu Book of Astrology," by The Blissful Prophet, price \$1 postpaid.

Many blessed truths lie in the broad and straight Path of least resistance.—A. Z.

The birth of Christ is taking place hourly, daily, yearly, all the time, in some men; in a while this blessed New Birth takes place in all men.—Frank Harrison.

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NOTE.—Miss Cocroft is President of the Extension work in physical culture. This position has given her a wide experience in personal work.

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## The Ladder of Thought

By HENRY WOOD

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HERE is an ever-present impulse in man which urges him toward a higher altitude. True, he is subject to apparent reactions and negative depressions, but their educational discomfort—commonly known as penalty—pleads with him to turn about and move on, and sooner or later the plea will be effectual. One may not yet have sounded the depths of his own nature sufficiently to interpret his own spiritual unrest, but even on the lower planes of life present attainment is always too low to be quite satisfactory.

If one is sojourning among the White Mountains he hardly will be content until he has made the ascent of Mount Washington. While the valleys and plains have their especial charm, the streams and forests their impressive picturesqueness, and the lesser mountains their grandeur and inspiration, one still wants the highest and best. However high one may be to-day, he wants a grander outlook to-morrow. If the mere altitude of space is alluring, what shall be said of the more vital and sublime uplift of consciousness?

It is the divine discontent which distinguishes man from the lower orders of life. There is a universal reaching out for something which is not yet realized. The longing is very evident, but its cause, significance and purpose are but dimly understood by the vast majority. If one can imagine an endless chain of peaks, each one back of the other, and each succeeding one more lofty, it may illustrate the law of progress. The present ambition will be fully satisfied by the ascent of the first and nearest. But that once accomplished, the ideal marches forward and always leads an advance. The desire to reach the summit of the second is even more compelling than in the first instance. It is the glory of man that he never sets a final limit. At length he discovers that there is no ultimate goal short of divinity. He must press onward and upward until he fully realizes his oneness and identity with his Great Source. But can this ever be perfectly realized? Is one ever to reach the summit and then sit down to rest? That was the old thought of heaven. But the new and far higher ideal is eternal progression. Forever? Yes, forever. That must be the purpose and meaning of the infinity which is inherent in man.

The full significance of evolution, in its eternal reach, is only now dawning upon the expectant and awakened vision. Man is created with an unending impetus God-ward. A delightful volume recently issued by the Rev. Clarence Lathbury is entitled, "The Being with the Upturned Face." It is a happy definition of man. As the upward momentum becomes more accentuated he increasingly focalizes and steps into a universal ownership. The ideal conscious possession of the higher things which endure is like a powerful though ever-retreating magnet which draws him ever onward and upward.

The same principle is legitimately operative upon the subordinate planes of life. The business man should strive to be a successful business man. But this should not be to gratify the mere passion for accumulation. And here let us suggest that the nature of business, *per se*, is altruistic. It has become rather the fashion to speak of "commercialism" with some degree of ill-disguised contempt, as if it were inherently selfish. Many fail to discriminate between a thing and its abuses. The latter, though often very obvious, constitutes only a negation or a falsity. A normal business transaction or exchange is where both sides gain, or at least are served. It is not true, as is often inferred, that one must gain and the other lose. Let us not degrade commerce, which has been a great civilizing force in the world, by gazing only upon its abuses or worst side.

Take another department which is good in itself but yet subordinate to the spiritual in rank. It is said to be a characteristic of those who possess

especial inventive genius that when some new achievement is made they at once lose their interest in it and push forward to new attainment. Someone else may introduce, or even profit by it, but they are looking for new worlds to conquer. So the scientist who penetrates most deeply into the mysterious arcana of nature, after each advance, sees yet greater triumphs ahead which beckon him forward.

How wonderful the universal forward trend, and he who catches its spirit finds its complement and indorsement in all his environment. He moves upward and onward, both consciously and unconsciously, with all real forces aiding and supporting him.

It is a fundamental law that all accomplishment comes through the intelligent use of constituted means. Not until recently has the great truth come into recognition that thought, when trained and cultivated, is the ladder for all true ascent.

Thoughts are more than things. They are living forces. But see what a tremendous waste and misuse of such energy is constant. There is an immense weight to be moved forward and inertia is to be overcome. The world must advance, and only thought in one direction is fully equal to the work which looms up in the foreground. If a heavy loaded wagon were to be moved up the street and horses were hitched to it on all sides, and should begin pulling in all directions, progress would be impossible. It is the same with thought energy. Pessimistic thoughts are pulling exactly contrary to those which are optimistic, thoughts of disorder against those of order, and those of disease just opposite to those of health. Hate and love, selfishness and good will, impurity and purity, each are striving for the mastery. How can anything move forward when its centre is drawn in all directions at the same time? Only for the reason that the saving forces are positive, while those which are against them are negative, and also because the universal trend is onward.

Through rightly directed thought we must climb to a higher consciousness, for those things which are conscious are real to the thinker. Thought creates its own conditions. A recent case has come to my knowledge which graphically illustrates this principle. A person had become addicted to the cigarette habit to an extreme degree. After many years of constant indulgence the inevitable collapse came. The chains had been riveted and slavery was complete. No material medical preparation was of the least avail as a remedy. Hope was a vanishing quantity. But at length the subject was led to concentrate upon the thought, or suggestion, presented to the eye in large type, "I AM FREE." That ideal was held with grim determination. Day and night it was present, living and affirmed. If it slipped aside it was called back to consciousness. At length it displaced other forces and set up its rule. Its repetition, at first mechanical, in due time became spontaneous. The tyranny of the cruel habit was broken. This is what an ideal can do in real life. Nothing in the cosmos can withstand the force of a living soul current. One's ideals, if intelligently and firmly held, are the most valuable of all possessions.

Through the concentrated and well-directed exercise of thought we climb above discords and obstacles, and they cannot follow. Their only nourishment and vitality come from the fog and materialism of the lower level. The ladder of thought is ever set up and available. We mount upward, not by a single leap, but round by round.

Each day adds many new names to the membership roll of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB. This great organization is doing a mighty work in all parts of the world in making men and women successful. Every name added to the Club means that our power to help humanity is greatly increased. More than that—it means an increased circulation for THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, which is doing a grand work throughout the world.

## Oneness of Being

ALL the mysteries and problems of life on the Earth-plane are solved when we fully recognize and realize the oneness of Being.

Man is then awakened, illumined, and exists eternally in the eternal White Light; he no longer lives for self but for his brother and the Whole, for he now knows "that which exists is One."

Blessed is he who knows that we are all eternal brothers, children of one great God.

"The fountains mingle with the river  
And the rivers with the ocean;  
The winds of heaven mix forever  
With a sweet emotion;  
Nothing in the world is single;  
All things, by a law divine,  
In one another's being mingle—  
Why not Thou with the Beloved?"

What matters all these theories and plans of "salvation" if I have pure, fervent and universal love for God and all beings—all Life—in my heart and mind? This will lead me to the Most High, to a recognition and realization of the eternal oneness of all Life.—Frank Harrison.

Love, more love, is what the world needs; not more plans and schemes of "salvation." Universal Love will solve all problems and all differences and bring peace, harmony and melody into the world.—Frank Harrison.

Life is universal. Life and thought are not limited to any one planet or ethereal sphere in the universe. Countless planets and countless ethereal spheres are full of intelligences in physical and ethereal bodies. Some of these planets have life forms in a lower degree of evolution than we have here on this planet, and many of them have types and beings in a much higher degree of evolution, depending upon the degree of evolution of the planet. In the eternal process and progress of life all souls must manifest on all planets and on all the heavenly or ethereal spheres. What a blessed truth! You, an eternal soul, always living here or there, in a higher and more blessed state of consciousness. Life is universal, progressive and eternal!—The Blissful Prophet.

## MEMORY MENDING

### What Food Alone Can Do for the Memory.

The influence of food upon the brain and memory is so little understood that people are inclined to marvel at it.

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**W**ELCOME, Beloved! Thou hast entered the Temple this morning radiant with light. I perceive in thy heart a warmth of love unutterable and supreme. Thou hast been singing songs of praise; yea, thou hast given *all thy Being* for attunement with the Divine Harmony. Behold! What blessings hast thou scattered, what matchless comfort hast thou given, e'en unwittingly to all thy world, because thou thyself hast been as a song of joy, a radiant Sun, a voiceless melody. Now thou knowest *how* to let thy light shine, *how* to be the radiant channel of my Presence.

Know I the beginning of this new radiance within thee? Yea, my child, most tenderly have I watched thee in thy daily living since that day thou didst give thyself to praise. E'en the genesis of thy desire know I, and approve.

'Twas in thy thinking of Thanksgiving, the day for all the Nation to rejoice in, that was born thy wish to enter into the spirit, and be clothed upon with the garment of praise. In that moment, Beloved, wert thou quickened with the *Life*; the letter and form of praise gave place and sway to its throbbing heart. Thou wert touched with the magic wand of *Feeling*. Thy heart grew large, thy breath warm with love. Thine eyes were opened to new beauties in thy world and in all thy fellow-mortals. Thine ears heard sounds before unknown, and the testimony of all thy senses made but a swelling chorus of rejoicing in thy heart. Thus didst thou go forth to thy daily tasks, an embodiment of joy, a song unsung but singing, a light unknown but shining. Thus did Thanksgiving mean to thee a new beginning, a beginning of the life of Spirit clothed with form and radiant with wordless praise. Thus, dear one of my heart, didst thou prepare the way for that Christ holiday that hath come since then, and during which again was thy heart quickened, and thine eyes opened to still farther depths in the realm of Being.

Many times in these two months of active, ceaseless joy hast thou wondered *why* thy presence carried balm or thy word such wondrous power? Because, Beloved, with thy giving up to praise, thy self stood back abashed—transformed. Thy Spirit came forth and breathed upon thine eyes, thine ears, thy heart. Thou wert the very Being of which thy self had merely dreamed.

Thou wert radiance itself, and wheresoe'er thou walked the light fell, and all were warmed and blessed; yet thou thoughtest not of ministry e'en though thus ministering. Recallest thou the man who in thy unconscious presence received direct that ray which revealed him to himself and aroused anew his heart? To him the earth before was dark, cold, cruel. But with thy coming Light burst forth, God reigned. Frozen streams of love and sympathy and friendly fellowship began to flow. He was as a little child filled again with hope, with joy and health.

Was this thy work? Nay, *Mine*, through thee, for thy praise unlocked all gates and opened wide all avenues between thee and Me. And so I, as thy Higher Self, worked and wrought unhindered and supreme.

Again look on the fair, sweet picture of the child whose body was so wondrously restored, whilst thou wert singing for her songs of merriment and praise.

As an instrument made to show forth harmony, through beauty and symmetry of form, through marvelous mechanism, through co-ordination and relation of organ, function and performance, the body *respondeth to the power of the Spirit*, in countless ways which alone may create, renew and restore.

This Power hath full sway in the rejoicing soul; and thus are its marvels wrought in every fleeting moment for all who may receive.

'Tis of the Law I teach, my Child, and thus I bid thee look upon the works which have been to thee as signs of this abounding, irrefragable Power that floweth into and from the praiseful heart.

E'en comparison will help interpret unto thee this

truth. Think upon the difference when thou art given to repining and complaint, and when thy heart leaps with praise and hungers to make all things as harps upon which to play one song. Note this, dear one of my heart, complaint is the child of blindness, whilst praise is the child of *Sight*. Blindness is of ignorance, sight of knowing. Blindness gropeth ever among things that hinder and obstruct unwilling feet. Knowledge, alert, keen-eyed and resolute, walketh ever forward with winged feet that pause not nor stop for aught they meet.

Beloved, I would have thee know the law that maketh thee each soul as a radiant star giving light and life to all, or as a dead, cold nucleus of miasmic mist filling the world with pall-like shadows of despair and death.

Love, good-will, sympathy, and all that follow in their train, maketh known the star that in the firmament of souls shineth with such splendor as draweth unto it those who may be guided, blessed or healed by the warmth and brightness of its shining. In the soul or psychic firmament, not by earthly vision or by aught that cometh through the earthly senses are these wondrous planets known, but by that subtle force of attraction, that mystic tie that bindeth souls in bonds of love and friendship.

This force it is which causeth each particular thought to span the earth as doth the ray of light the solar system; this force which, focussed in the soul as spiritual light, causeth that soul to be the magnet that draweth to itself its own. And thus, Beloved, wert thou enabled to be the Savior, the comforter, the Healer, for even though the Spirit is the Power, the flesh doth it embody and to outer eyes show forth. Yet, as thou hast already found, e'en though to fleshly eyes thou mightst not be revealed, to that *inner sense*, in the unseen but ever-present, overarching, all-inclusive firmament of spirit, thou mayst be perceived, felt, known, as one in whom is focussed Light Divine.

To make thy soul a centre whence this wondrous Light shall radiate, 'tis only needful that thou open wide the avenues that e'er connect thy consciousness with Me; for I, O child, am the Source and Fountain of thy Being, and only wait for thy desire, thy willingness, thy conscious recognition of my all-pervading Presence (which is the encircling Light), to make thy soul my *tabernacle of Light*, my *Star of Bethlehem*, my *Sun of Righteousness* in which I may abide, and through which I may work.

Hast thou not heard the Temple words of long ago? *Open ye the gates that the King of Glory may come in. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads O ye gates. . . . and the King of Glory shall come in.*—Ps. xxiv.

One of the gates, Beloved, is praise. Seest thou not how already the truth hath been established in thee? Praise, praise, praise, not only in word, but in heart, in soul, in life. Then shalt thou be clothed upon with garments of beauty and aspects of Power.

Praise in the morning of thy work e'en when the sun hath not yet appeared to show thee the day's prospect. Praise at the noon, e'en when clouds lower or storms assail. Praise in the evening, e'en though the work be unfinished. Lie down in praise and arise in praise, and all thy ways shall be ways of pleasantness, and all thy paths peace. Child of my heart, what is thy dearest wish? Wouldst know more of this Light, feel more of its warmth, see more clearly into the realm where it abides?

Wait. For thy present need thou knowest all that thou canst bear. Hast thou considered that in *too great desire* thou doth lose the equilibrium that maketh possible thy larger knowing? Be not *o'er-reaching* in thy desire. Look not beyond what thou canst in thy time of need appropriate. E'en as the child would grasp and hold beyond his power to use, so thou, in the earlier stages of thy untrained growth, wouldst yearn for that which lieth still beyond. Live, Beloved, in the present moment. *One instant's consciousness, past or future, is not thine; the past because already hath it fled, leaving only its subtle essence in thy memory; the future because with all thy wishing thou canst not hasten its coming nor gain its rich experience till it doth appear.*

*One moment only canst thou live.* Eternity is made of passing moments, each entering in its turn the magic portal of the heavenly Now. Then into this *one moment* put thy all; thy love and trust, thy thought and feeling, thy rest and thy activity.

Thus will thy light shine unto the ends of the earth and thy orbit be as that of the sun. The darkness shall be turned into light and sadness into rejoicing, for thou wilt be in the shining galaxy of starry souls whose music is the morning song of all the earth.

*Open ye the gates that the King of Glory may enter in.*

HELEN VAN-ANDERSON.

I do not ask for any crown  
But that which all may win,  
Nor seek to conquer any world,  
Except the one within.

—Louisa M. Alcott.

The growth of the plant depends upon adaptation to environment, and it is so with man, with the important difference that man's consciousness comes in to co-operate with, or to oppose, the law of growth.—Emily G. Fleming.

Oh, to scatter blessings broadcast, to give without wish for return, to do good for the joy of it, to toss your good will and heartiness right and left; to bring a smile to wan faces, hope into dull eyes, sunshine into dark corners, and so touch men's lives that they shall feel the passing of some benign influence, the presence of something divine—here are aims! Oh, the joy of a big heart and a kindly nature; the power to draw the best from men—to infuse into them a new life and courage; to kindle a little flame of unselfish love in cold hearts, a little enthusiasm in cold intellects; to take the miser out of his den and show him the riches of the heart; and take the rich man from his playthings and reveal to him the beauty and purpose of life.—Stanton Kirkham Davis.

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## ON THE BABY

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The God-loving, righteous man proceeds from success to success, always on the ascending scale; and this is eternal—countless blessings, one succeeding the other.—The Blissful Prophet.

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The real successful man must combine in himself health, education, mental penetration and concentration, persistency, patience, energy, enthusiasm, cheerfulness of disposition, and politeness of demeanor. . . . The best prizes of life are for the upright man.—Rev. F. C. Ingelhart, D.D., LL.D.

To be a man of success is to have "the divine will to do, the soul to dare." To know what is just, and not to practice, is cowardice. . . . Do not think what you would like to do, but what you ought to do. . . . The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man be perfected without trial and suffering.—Rev. James B. Dunn, D.D.

The man of to-day has really much better chances of success than had his grandfathers.—Louis Stern, great New York City Merchant.

Every man should steadfastly purpose to make of himself the finest specimen of man he is capable of becoming, spiritually, intellectually, physically; and to render a maximum of helpful service to his family, his friends, associates, to his community, his State, his nation and to the world.—Richmond Pearson Hobson.

A regular, blameless life is the very first foundation for success.—Stephen M. Griswold, Banker.

The world owes no man anything that he has not labored to secure. There is no such thing as a forced credit balance in a man's favor. That is children's talk. Reputation, riches and fame are simply the accumulated result of daily work.—James B. Dill.

The commission of experts in mental diseases appointed by the Ministry of Education to investigate the healing value of hypnotism reports that it is essentially worthless. The commission, which is composed of Professor Mendel and Drs. Gock, Munster and Aschenborn, was appointed during the faith-healing excitement here a year ago. The report declares hypnotism cannot produce organic changes nor cure epilepsy or hysteria, but it can be used helpfully, in some instances, by removing symptoms through suggestion. No good physician would leave out of account the influence of suggestion upon patients, but hypnotic suggestion may intensify disease when laymen apply it who do not know when to use it and when not to do so. The influence of hypnotic suggestion diminishes in proportion to popular knowledge of it. It is most powerful when regarded by a subject as marvelous and supernatural. The commission also notes that hypnotism is less used than formerly.—New York Herald (Berlin cable).

## The Redeeming

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## Religious Thoughts and Incidents

No man or woman can rise up toward God and not draw others up a little out of their depths.—*Bishop Fowler.*

Unless you put out your water-jars when it rains, you will catch no water; if you do not watch for God's coming to help you, God's watching to be gracious will be of no good at all to you.—*Alexander MacLaren.*

Human love is itself the best worship. Human love is itself the holiest presence of God and is the best proof that the divine Love which has produced it and lives in it will fulfil all the promises whispered there.—*Henry M. Simmons.*

How many answers have been missed simply because we did not follow our petition with a heavenward eye, and with the calm waitings of expectant faith! Remember, when you pray, go at once from the footstool to the tower.—*J. Vaughan.*

Yet we must be watchful, especially in the beginning of the temptation; for the enemy is then more easily overcome, if he be not suffered to enter the door of our hearts, but be resisted at the very gate, on his first knocking.—*Thomas a Kempis.*

To appropriate everything that has in it the possibility of good, and to put it to its best use, is the mission of the Christian man or woman in this world; not to turn one's back on earthly things, but to throw one's arms around them, and, as some poet has said, "love them into loveliness."

The bee hunter puts a honey-comb into a box and catches a bee. He then covers the box. Soon the bee fills himself with the honey. Being let loose, he finds his way home, and in a little time brings his companion with him. They bring their companions, till the box is filled. Christians should do likewise. If they have tasted that Word which is sweeter than honey, let them bring their companions.—*Pulpit Illustrator.*

Someone has well said that we are not held accountable for our features, but we are responsible for our expression. There are many people whose souls are so full of the peace and joy of the Lord that their faces are made beautiful, although slighted by nature in respect to their features. "There is no beautifier of complexion, or form, or behavior," says a noted writer, "like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us."—*Moody.*

Sometimes God calls us but to stand and see the workings of His hand; often we are set to watch some little part of His great work and do our part in its completion; now and then we are put in places of great responsibility, and the progress of the Kingdom manifestly hangs for a fleeting moment on our faithfulness. But in all God asks of us the watchful eye and the attentive mind.

Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst beautifully describes character in the following: "My character to-day is, for the most part, simply the resultant of all the thoughts I have ever had, of all the feelings I have ever cherished, and all the deeds I have ever performed. It is the entirety of my previous years packed and crystallized into the present moment. So that character is the quintessence of biography; so that everybody who knows my character—and there is no keeping character under cover—knows what for forty or more years I have been doing and thinking. Character is, for the most part, simply habit become fixed."

"He who lives with wolves will soon learn to howl," says the old Spanish proverb; and, as a contemporary applies it: "He who lives with the faults of his friends, and counts them over, and sorts them, and weighs them, and measures them, will soon have equally grave ones of his own. There is nothing that so deteriorates character as this undue looking after faults and blemishes in others while we are blind to our own. There is only one way, after all, to reform the world; and that is, not by learning to howl at its faults or to bark at its mistakes, but by first beginning the work of reformation with ourselves. We come back inevitably to the old truth so often stated: 'In order to make the best of others, we must first make the best of ourselves.'"

Man becomes whole (holy) when the soul, mind, heart and body are equalized (balanced), harmonized and spiritualized. It is then he comes into complete oneness with the Blessed One. He is then Whole and not Partial, and is in eternal Peace, Bliss and Harmony with the Whole, because he has recognized and realized "that which exists is One; sages call it variously." The whole man is the mighty man, the omniscient and omnipotent man, and by the White Light of the Spirit, in which he now eternally dwells, he acquires spiritual blessings (such as clairaudience, clairvoyance, thought projection, astral projection, etc.) that make him omnipresent.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

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## What Would the Freethinker Substitute for the Bible?

VIEWS OF SOME FREETHINKERS

**S**OME time ago the Boston Investigator, a paper circulated among Freethinkers, sent a letter to a number of its subscribers containing the following question: "What would you substitute for the Bible as a moral guide?" The following replies are among the most interesting and representative of those received:

Judge C. B. Waite: "The sense of justice should be our moral guide." Hugh O. Pentecost: "If any one believes a substitute for the Bible is necessary, let it be, 'Leaves of Grass,' by Walt Whitman." H. L. Green: "Substitute the teachings of science." Dr. R. W. Shufeldt: "Education." I. Rayne Adams: "Common sense." Rufus K. Noyes, M. D.: "'Precepts of the Seven Sophists' are an ample substitute for the Bible." George E. MacDonald: "Select from ancient and modern custom what cultured reflection approves." George Allen White: "Let us have the best of Zoroaster, Buddha, Homer, Zeno and Jesus." John P. Guild: "Brains." Franklin Steiner: "Reason and experience." Dean Dudley: "A scientific encyclopedia, compiled by men like Spencer and Huxley." Alexander E. Wright: "Spencer's 'Data of Ethics.'"

The Universalist Leader, commenting on this miscellaneous assortment of views, finds in them the expression of a definite tendency in modern thought, but declares it to be a tendency that can result only in a "chaos of moral philosophy and an observation of simple, definite, straightforward moral discrimination." It continues:

"One plain truth is that the morality of the world, even its conventional morality, is the product of the long ages of toil and suffering. Marriage and marriage laws may be imperfect and often a failure, but there is a bottomless pit just beyond the repudiation of these. It is well to see just where we are going. In all this tumult about the authority of the Bible let us keep clearly in mind the drift of things. Whatever the critics may say, the mass of mankind need and must have some simple, direct specific moral precepts. Without superstition, or the suspicion that because a thing is written in the Bible it is different from the same thing out of the Bible, we may affirm that in all literature and all

life there is nothing to compare in simplicity, directness and universality with the Decalog and Beatitudes. Thou shalt not kill, steal, bear false witness, commit adultery, or covet, are things concerning which the intelligence of the average man will not go astray if let alone. The Golden Rule can be understood by a child, and sages do not get beyond it. One can easily understand the protest against that interpretation of the Bible which counts covenants, sacrifices, doctrines, or Church government above plain morality, while at the same time he may prize these old codes of conduct which are the landmarks of the Book as the finest things in the moral history of man.

"We need a revival. Social radicals need a revival. There is chaos and disorder among those who jauntily tilt at moral opinions or conventionalities, which are the products of ages of experience. We need a revival of 'brains' and 'common sense.' We need to get down to the fundamental proposition that while we regard Spencer, Huxley and Walt Whitman as friends of truth, we are not ready to substitute them for Moses and Jesus as the moral lawgivers of the race. We need only to compare these replies of the critics of the Bible with the Decalog and Beatitudes to see how infinitely superior to their critics are the makers of the Bible in moral profundity, universality, simplicity, directness and grandeur."

There are great and powerful truths in the Bible which are not hidden to the Spiritual-minded. The world could not get along very well without the Bible. It is more in demand than any other book in the world because it is God's Book, which clearly shows in a thousand places how man can become at one with God and be entirely freed from sin, ignorance, darkness and all bondage. "The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. . . . More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb."

WHEN THOU GOEST, IT SHALL LEAD THEE;  
When thou sleepest, it shall keep thee;  
When thou wakest, it shall talk with thee.

—Prov. vi, 22.

### Cruel Slander

TO SLANDER anyone is cruel, and all slander comes from one who is hard, cruel, and malignant—it is a vicious quality that is made up of anger, hate, envy, greed and selfishness.

The carnal-minded and unregenerate are given to slander and cause much suffering in the world through this sin. The wise man says: "If you are slandered, never mind it; it will all come off when it is dry."

What a beautiful world this will be when all the slanderers are converted to God, and live the life.

Every gift of God to man comes by the Holy Spirit. He who fully and completely lives the Christ-life has bestowed on him all the Divine Gifts—seership, prophecy, clairaudience, clairvoyance, psychic and occult powers. But "the chief of the blessings that come by the Spirit is knowledge and wisdom." Omniscience is the great gift. "Ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things." Knowing all things one is a prophet. The Holy Man is the only man who can know all things.

Are you peaceful and blissful? Do you know that there are many men and women who live now and here in perpetual sunshine—peace and joy? Have you seriously and honestly considered their methods; or, do you know it all?

### A Morning Prayer

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Eternal One, and Loving Father of All, we approach Thy Majesty with Love and Adoration! How powerful Thou art! Thou art OMNIPOTENT! Thy wonderful works are seen everywhere in the Universe, and amaze our finite minds with Thy Infinite Grandeur! Thy OMNISCIENCE fills us with Love, Adoration and Devotion! Thy OMNIPRESENCE makes us know that we are all Thy Blessed Children! O Loving God, the ALL-GOOD, how can we turn our gaze from Thee and Thy wonderful works! O Patient One, forgive our past impatience and give us grace this day to be kind, gentle, meek and patient, as was Thy Blessed Son, Our Master and Elder Brother, Jesus Christ! Give us this day Light, Leading, Direction and Guidance! May we so serve Thee this day, Blessed One, that this will bring us one day nearer Thy Kingdom! May we ever honor and glorify Thee, Eternal God, and Christ and the Angels! AMEN.

### The Christian Awakening of Japan

ALL over the world enthusiastic accounts are being sent by Christian missionaries as to the great spread of Christianity. This is specially true with respect to Japan, where a great Christian awakening occurred at the very beginning of the Twentieth Century, and the work of Christianizing Japan is growing at a tremendous rate. The Japanese are a progressive people and are very keen observers of the growth, prosperity and progress in the United States and England, and they have observed that the most civilized, prosperous and progressive countries of the world are Christian countries. This is one of the *Mysteries* of our great prosperity.

If the Divine Mind is permitted by man to dwell within his mortal mind, it makes him perfect. Therefore all Great Souls become such by giving up entirely the mortal will and the mortal mind to the Divine Will and Divine Mind. The great men and women of the world have no will of their own; they are always mild, meek and gentle persons who are world-movers. Such was the Master, the Blessed Christ. There are no limitations to the powers of love, kindness and gentleness. All power comes from God, and "God is Love."

When the teachers say "control your thoughts," they mean, "Let God control your thoughts: let the Divine Mind have full possession of your mental mind." When you can do this you will be a master over your passions, desires and appetites, and will be Peaceful, Progressive and Prosperous. Here is the whole (Holy) secret of life now, here or hereafter.—F. H.

Let the Light of Divine Mind illuminate your mortal mind.

If we would liberalize the race we must educate the young.—*Pecbles*. Let us all give the warm hand of love and encouragement to the youngsters, especially the young writers and speakers and teachers in the "New-old Thought." These coming men and women of the world will do a great and grand work, and no one should envy or in any way withhold support from any liberal or open-minded soul, with a fresh and young mind and body.

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### The Wealth of Nations

THE United States is the wealthiest nation in the world. In a few more years, with our progress and prosperity and high civilization, we will stand supreme as the greatest and grandest nation in the world. God has prospered us because we are a Christian Nation. The following figures will interest all spiritually-minded persons:

The year book of the London Daily Mail estimates the wealth of the United States as more than equal to the combined riches of France and Russia; as twice that of Germany; and as greater by \$22,000,000,000 than that of Great Britain. In round numbers it appears that the wealth of the leading nations is:

United States.....	\$81,650,000,000
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France.....	48,450,000,000
Germany.....	40,260,000,000
Russia.....	32,125,000,000

The percentage of debt to wealth is: United States, 14-10 per cent.; United Kingdom, 6 per cent.; Germany, 81-10 per cent.; Russia, 111-10 per cent.; France, 128-10 per cent.

Japan is taking hold of Christianity; or rather Christianity is taking hold of Japan at a most wonderful rate. The Japanese are a spiritually-inclined people and have a fine philosophy that will help them become powerful Christians in time. A great soul who has lived much in Japan says: "The struggle for life does not exist there as in other countries. The food is simple, and men live easily. Then, again, the Japanese are not over-anxious. They do not waste or dissipate their energies. Women do not fret because they are looking old; on the contrary, it is a Japanese woman's ambition to become old, for then they are most respected."

Religious liberty is, according to Cardinal Gibbons, a competent Catholic authority, the liberty to worship God "according to the dictates of a right conscience."

In the Golden Age of plenty it is the liberal, generous men and women who are reaping the sweet and divine rewards—happiness and health as well as material prosperity. He who is not selfish and sordid and is fair and just is looked upon with favor by God and the Angels.

The Japanese are a very philosophical people, and it will not take Christianity very long to Christianize all of Japan. They admire Americans and "Americanism." The Japanese are not at all selfish, and "in their opinion it is selfish to the last degree to inflict one's sorrows and cares upon other people. The world is sad enough at best, they argue, without being made sadder through the communication of one's neighbor's sorrows."

Anger is like rain; it breaks itself upon that upon which it falls.—*Swift*.

The readiest and surest way to get rid of censure is to correct ourselves.—*Demosthenes*.

He is the best accountant who can cast up correctly the sum of his own errors.—*Nevins*.

Fire and sword are but slow engines of destruction in comparison with the babler.—*Steele*.

### Our Sympathies and Affections

HERACLITUS said, "Our affections are colored mists," to which modern thought adds, "Our affections and attachments are colored mists." Another great soul says: "Take the affections away, and the observer commands 'white light.'" In the search for truth that will make us free we must be non-attached. Love is all-powerful and unselfish. Much that passes as love is mere temporal and transitory affection or attachment. Pure, sweet love never acts unseemly and is always powerful enough to carry us through any event. "The philosopher must often be something of a stoic." Love and Truth "are not the slaves of tears, contritions, and perturbations." Sympathy, when governed by Love, is grand. But we must be wise in our sympathy. A person who is too sympathetic weakens his own power to really help others, and it is always well to remember these wise words written by a good and wise man years ago: "A sympathetic person is placed in the dilemma of a swimmer among drowning men, who all catch at him, and if he give so much as a leg or a finger they will drown him." Love of God and man will determine how much sympathy we shall extend. Universal Love equalizes and harmonizes all things and all events, which is only another way of saying God can and does in His blessed way adjust, equalize and harmonize all that appears disjointed, unequal and discordant to our finite minds.

### The Mystic Seven

JESUS, the ladder of my faith  
Rests on the jasper walls of heaven;  
And through the veiling clouds I catch  
Faint visions of the Mystic Seven.



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## Unspoken Words

By John Boyle O'Reilly

THE kindly words that rise within the heart,  
And thrill it with their sympathetic tone,  
But die ere spoken, fail to play their part,  
And claim a merit that is not their own.

The kindly word unspoken is a sin—  
A sin that wraps itself in purest guise,  
And tells the heart that, doubting, looks within  
That not in speech, but thought, the virtue lies.

It is not so another heart may thirst  
For that kind word, as Hagar in the wild—  
Poor banished Hagar!—prayed a well might burst  
From out the sand to save her parching child.

And loving eyes that cannot see the mind  
Will watch the unexpected movement of the lip;  
Ah! can ye let its cutting silence wind  
Around the heart, and seethe it like a whip?

Then hide it not, the music of the soul,  
Dear sympathy, expressed with kindly voice;  
But let it, like a shining river, roll  
To deserts dry—to hearts that would rejoice.

Oh, let the sympathy of kindly words  
Sound for the poor, the friendless and the weak!  
And He will bless you—He who struck these chords  
Will strike another when in turn you seek.

## Longevity

STATISTICS show that longevity is increasing. It is understood only by those who comprehend the benefits resulting from the inspired writers and speakers who have proven that all who live in accord with the immutable law will greatly extend their material life. The progressive teachers who are so truthfully portraying what can be accomplished by living the life of love and truth are doing an invaluable service to humanity. This is the millennium age. The progress that will be made in this century on all lines helpful to mankind, will be hailed with great joy by all who are working for the advancement of material and spiritual life. The reform publications abreast with the harmonious evolution of the times, deserve the support of all who desire to see every being in the universe grow to a full understanding of how Heavenly it is to live a life of health, happiness and prosperity, love, truth and perfection.—Lee Crandall, Globe, Arizona.

We must pay for our mistakes. Ignorance of the eternal and changeless Law does not excuse nor suspend the penalty. The Law is beneficent in that it is changeless and its operation never for an instant suspended. From everlasting to everlasting the law is that we reap as we sow. Through much suffering in breaking the One Eternal Law, man at last, some time, somewhere, comes to know the Law and conform to its requirements, and to know the Law and obey it is to see and know its beauty and beneficence and reach absolute freedom—oneness with God. "The carnal mind is at enmity with God," and will not recognize the eternal changeless Law, and consequently suffers much.

Think not ill of thy brother and hold thy tongue from censure and condemnation: "I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle."

Blessed is he who sees only good in the universe. Blessed is the man who knows and realizes that God is the All in All; that all is good.

We ever strive to make this Magazine a blessing and a necessity to all aspiring souls, and to reach and help the sad and sorrowful. We pray God to help us.

God is a "Present Help" when we know and realize He is *always* nearer to us than anything else. "The soul is in God, and God is in it." And be it known, beloved, that "Communion with heaven is through inward states, and not by way of tidings and messages from without," and we are healed and made whole (holy) as we know and rely wholly on the omnipresent One. "True life comes through openness toward God. The traditional far-away God is not a 'Present Help.'"



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By Frank Harrison

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And leaves our sphere behind.  
The good old year is with the past;  
Oh! be the new as kind!

—Bryant.

Rich gift of God! A year of time!  
What pomp of rise and shut of day,  
What hues wherewith our Northern clime  
Makes Autumn's dropping woodlands gay;  
What airs outblown from ferny dells  
And clover-blown and sweet-brier smells;  
What songs of brooks and birds, what fruits and  
flowers,  
Green woods and moonlight snows have in its round  
been ours!

—Whittier.

**W**HETHER we know it or not, in the eternal Evolution of the eternal soul all years are divine, sacred and blessed. There comes a blessed moment to each and all souls, some time, somewhere, when it sees the beauties and blessings of God and eternal life, and can then view all the griefs, sorrows, aches and pangs of the Past as only helps and blessings. We all of us, sooner or later, come to know and realize we are eternal children of a loving eternal All-Father, and that we all of us, without one exception, have all the countless years of the endless future before us, to reach infinite perfection, the one good of all beings.

What a blessed New Year this will be to that weary and sorrowful soul who awakens to the blessed truth of the Eternalness of all beings, all matter!

There can be no real peace, no real joy as long as we only know a part of the whole truth; as, for instance, a self-righteous man believes he is saved and some or most of his brothers are lost.

Reason, if not his soul, ought to teach any man that either all are saved, or else none are saved; what sort of a god would that be who condemned a part (a great part according to dogma and dualistic mind), and did not care for the whole, the All? Can such a god be the God of Love, of whom the Apostle John spoke? How did this insane and selfish idea ever creep into the minds of men? But there!—this monstrous error was born, cradled and fostered in the Age of Darkness, when men did not know, and were God-fearing men and not God-loving souls; when bigots and fanatics and zealots without wisdom flourished.

Thank the great God, and praise His blessed Name forever! We now live in a Great Age of Love and Light, with a GREAT GOD, a God that loves all of His children, without one exception, and ultimately wins all back to His mighty Heart of Love, and embraces all in his long and tender Arms of Mercy. God has a heart big enough for all, and arms long enough to embrace all.

So, beloved child of God, if you can swell your heart with love of God and all beings, all things, all nature, you will have only Blessed Years for all eternity; then each day will be a new and blessed day, and each year a new and blessed year.

There is no better time than this new Year to meditate on this one central Truth—that we are all of us (so-called "saints" and "sinners") eternal children of One Eternal Father, whose name is Love; that we are all of us working and struggling onward, forward and upward to a consciousness of our one Heavenly Father; that those who may be awakened can help the unawakened by silent, pure, sweet and gentle love; that harsh and cruel untruths about a monster god and his awful anger and wrath never yet made a great God-lover, but has made countless millions of God-fearing bigots and fanatics, who have bound and ground their brothers with fear and doubt, and caused more bloodshed, in the name of our blessed Elder Brother, Jesus, the Prince of Peace, than any other one cause.

Our woes, miseries and ills come from non-recognition and non-realization of the Eternal. With non-recognition of the eternal God (ignoring God) we may expect only discords in life. In recognition of God is the beginning of non-attachment and non-resistance and the beginning of the eternal Blessed or Blissful Way. In all ages Christed men have iterated and reiterated this one blessed truth; many have been awakened by the teaching and have entered the way and become eternally blessed with eternal Peace; others have preferred to sleep in darkness and ignored the blessed Light of Truth and have suffered; in time these sleeping brothers be-

come satiated and sore with intense and continuous pain, grief and sorrow, and they begin to awake and reach out to the Eternal God and find that they have been sleeping and dreaming horrible dreams on His very Bosom all the time. God is nearer to all of us than our own thoughts, and yet we will know Him not and continue to suffer.

Blessed day! blessed moment! when a dear brother awakens to the Eternal Life. Then there is great joy and gladness in heaven and earth and in his own heart.

This awakening usually comes at the end of a great storm of sensual strife, amidst great agony. "Look for the flower to bloom in the Silence that follows the great storm; not till then."

Not until the mind, the will, the whole nature have yielded and surrendered to the Eternal Higher Self can the bloom of eternal Peace open. "And in the deep Silence the mysterious event will occur which will prove that the Eternal Way has been found." The eternal living Christ within the soul is now the supreme and blessed master. And the Voice speaketh where there is apparently none to speak. It is the blessed message of God; it cannot be described.

It is written on the walls of the eternal Hall of Learning as follows: "Those that earnestly ask in love and fervence and in great sorrow and despair shall have relief. Those that desire to read the divine mysteries, out of pure love for truth, shall read. Those that hunger and thirst for learning, understanding, knowledge and wisdom, with no selfish or impure motives, shall learn all things. Dost thou hear? All things."

Love and Peace be with you, beloved eternal child of the eternal All-Father-Mother.

Carping criticism of our brothers is not found in the spiritually minded men and women.

### Think and Meditate

THERE is nothing more helpful and uplifting to man than to think and meditate upon the magnitude and mightiness of the Infinite One—God. Such holy meditation, in a while, expands and opens the finite mind so that it is receptive to the Infinite Mind, and ultimately, some time, somewhere—often here and now—the finite comes into mergence with the Infinite and knoweth that knowing which all is known. It is not truth that God or the Infinite One is not to be comprehended by the finite one—by you. There are boundless possibilities for growth and progression here and now, if man will but centre his mind on the Infinite—on the eternal omnipresent God within his own soul. Prayer to and meditation on God carries man to the Most High.—A Mystic.

The pendulum of Truth always finds its poise between the extremes. So between the blessed teachings of the East and the blessed teachings of the West the Light of Truth is perceived.—Frank Harrison.

Only in oneness with God is there enduring peace. And who and what is God? It is the eternal, all-pervading Love, Light, Life, Truth that we discern in every part of the Universe; that creates, forms, reforms and forever sustains the Universe and all that is in it. So man attains to a consciousness of enduring peace and eternal bliss only as he comes into complete union with the eternal God.

Selfishness always brings suffering to both the selfish person and the one on whom it is exercised. The smallest degree of selfishness has its bad effect, in many ways. Spiritual growth demands the uprooting of all selfishness. The cultivation of the Spirit of Universal Love sets the heart, soul and mind aflame with a consuming fire that melts and burns away the cage of self—nothing else can. So in love, universal and eternal love, is all power to make us free and also help to free our brothers. The Christ Way is to live in love for the All—to live an unselfish life, here and now.—Frank Harrison.

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## THE LAW OF CAUSE AND EFFECT

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Few people realize the deep meaning underlying the words *cause* and *effect*, using them in general to apply to the material plane alone, and little thinking that they represent, not only the law that controls the planets, but the law that takes into account each act and thought of our daily lives. The average mortal is too prone to separate the material from the spiritual, the visible from the invisible world, and it is as a reminder that the universe is a perfect Whole, and that a law upon one plane is a law upon all planes, that this article is written.

No one needs to be told of the operation of cause and effect in the material world, for the law is visible all about us. We see it working in all Nature, from the destruction or growth of a continent down to the destruction or growth of a molecule. We see it in the rise and fall of nations, and, coming down to individuals, we see it exemplified in the working of our physical bodies. We know that if we abuse our bodies Nature will make us suffer, for she is a strict disciplinarian and accounts with her must always be settled. Now, let us consider that Nature is but another term for law, and that this law holds good upon all planes of the Universe, acting no less powerfully upon the invisible than upon the visible planes; for the entire Universe is one great Whole, of which we see but one part—the material; but behind all manifestation, and throbbing and pulsating in all, is the great Spirit of things, the One Reality, the Absolute.

Realizing ourselves to be a part of this great Spirit—a drop, as it were, in the ocean of Divinity—we see at once that we also must come under the sway of this mighty law of cause and effect; and, knowing this, let us, instead of pitting our puny strength against it, strive to recognize and work in harmony with it, so that we may in time become at one with it and thus attain to perfect peace. The Lord of this mortal frame is something more than a mass of matter, tainted with the animal instincts and desires of hundreds of generations. It is the conscious ego, the immortal spirit, which directs, controls and moulds the physical body, the instrument through which it gains experience in matter. And, this being the case, every act we perform and every thought we send out are bound to react at some time upon us. A cause once set up, the effect is bound to be reached—just as a pendulum swung to one side will swing equally far in the opposite direction. Nature works for a balance—an equilibrium.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shalt find it after many days," this passage takes on added force when considered in the light of cause and effect. For, whatever our bread may be—whether it be good and white and pure, or foul and black—once it is cast out upon the waters of eternity it cannot be recalled, but we will surely find it after many days and be compelled to eat thereof. And when we say "we," we do not mean these physical personalities with their various names and appurtenances, which fade away like the shadows they are; we mean rather the self-conscious individuality, the ego, the Lord of this mortal frame. "But," you say, "many people do pass through an entire life and never even see the bread they daily cast out upon the stormy seas." Yes; and do you think that this Lord of our bodies is limited to the experiences of one personality and one phase of existence? Impossible. Christ said, "Before Abraham was, I am," and so are we all. We, the real sons of God, have always lived, gaining experience in many lives and putting off and taking on body after body, as we need them. Each succeeding life is the outcome, the summing up as it were, of all the lives gone before, and our future lives will be the exact results of our present acts and thoughts. Thus the great law of cause and effect is carried out on all planes, and rebirth, or reincarnation, is simply its process. Our present is but the definite result of our own past actions, and our future is in our own hands. Once a cause is set in motion on any plane, the effect is bound to follow, as does the night the day; and it may be to-morrow and it may be a thousand years hence, but some day we will reap what we have sown. Let us be careful, therefore, how we sow the wind, lest we reap the whirlwind.

The two principal opponents of the law of cause and effect are modern Christianity and materialism. We say modern Christianity, for real, true Christianity is far away from most of the doctrines of the modern Church. This institution holds that we come here without any apparent cause at all, at least of our own making, and that we can set all sorts of causes in motion during this life, and then, by a mere act of belief and repentance, set aside all law and at once be transported into the realms of eternal bliss. True, they talk about an abode of eternal "punishment," but nobody believes he is destined to go there, no matter how he lives. The utter iniquity of such a plan for governing the Universe is so plain that we need discuss it no further. The proof that people are beginning to wake up and use their brains is to be found in the fact that, according to statistics, Christianity (as found in the churches) is on the decline.

The other opposing force, materialism, is equally

inconsistent. The materialist claims to believe in evolution, and will spend hours telling of the development of the race through the lower kingdoms up to the present stage, and then, pointing proudly to the puny, imperfect specimens of manhood about him (and generally including himself), will say, "Behold! Evolution goes no farther." Is such a position either reasonable or consistent? If evolution is to be cut short with the cycle but half completed, then it is not a law, and the materialist is left without an inch of tenable ground to stand on.

Furthermore, neither Christianity nor materialism can explain in any reasonable way the differences between people in character and environment. "Heredity," you say? If it were the law controlling these things, then the children of the same parents ought to be alike, especially in the case of twins. Heredity deals only with the personal, physical man, with his tastes and tendencies. The real man, the ego, is something apart from all this—using his surroundings simply as a means to an end and accountable to himself alone. The law of cause and effect, together with the process of reincarnation, explains, as nothing else can, the differences in character and environment, not only of individuals, but of races and nations, and their rise and fall. It places the evolution of man upon a logical basis, not only in the past but in the future; and, by demonstrating that man is alone responsible for what he is, it places his destiny in his own hands and sheds a new light upon the Teacher's words: "The kingdom of heaven is within you."

Last year in Venezuela alone 2,000,000 birds were killed for fashion's sake. One London dealer admitted twelve years ago, long before fashion was so pitiless as now, that he sold 2,000,000 small birds every twelve months. Three recent consignments to London included 10,000 birds of paradise, nearly 800 packages of osprey feathers, 6,700 crested pigeons, 5,500 Impeyan pheasants, 500 bird skins, 270 cases of peacock's feathers, 1,500 argus pheasants, and 500 various other small birds.—Chicago Daily News.

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Not in careless pleasure, but in watchful love and trust of God your Father, in faithful and fervent desire to be his child, is the secret of life's victory and of the overcoming of death by life.—Stopford A. Brooke.

Men who are so deeply engrossed in the pursuit of material wealth that they have neither time nor inclination to know the Most High, become successful in their desires, but are under the Law made drudges and slaves to a more or less extent; they also take on tremendous responsibilities that all great material wealth imposes. Again, by their material success they set in motion tremendous vibrations of envy and hatred in others. Money possesses and obsesses these materialists; they do not possess money. There is only woe and misery where money possesses man; and joy, peace, force and purpose in that man who possesses money. It is a psychic phenomenon that the gross materialist never becomes a great steward of great wealth—Providence only trusts the good and the wise.—A Mystic.

## A Fragment

LAUGH, and the world laughs with you;  
Weep, and you weep alone,  
For this sad old earth must borrow its mirth,  
But has trouble enough of its own.

Sing, and the hills will answer;  
Sigh, it is lost on the air,  
The echoes bound to a joyful sound,  
But shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you;  
Grieve, and they turn and go,  
They want full measure of all your pleasure,  
But they do not need your woe.

Be glad, and your friends are many;  
Be sad, and you lose them all,  
There are none to decline your nectared wine,  
But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your halls are crowded;  
Fast, and the world goes by,  
Succeed and give, and it helps you live,  
But no man can help you die.

There is room in the halls of pleasure  
For a large and lordly train;  
But, one by one, we must all file in  
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To-day, as the hint of a sod.

I am tired of life, O God!  
Of the seasons' restless round,  
Of the sight of toil, and the sound  
Of the stones under feet unshod.

I am tired of life, O God!  
Yet, drawing its awful breath,  
Am afraid of the face of death,  
While I covet rest of the clod.

I am tired of life, O God!  
And but saved from death through fear;  
Oh! when I sleep fast, nor hear,  
Say "Hush!" till my grave-grass nod.

## Triumph

I AM brave again, my God!  
Not poverty, strife, defeat,  
Keeps my life from something sweet;  
I would not hide in the sod.

I am brave again, my God!  
As the seasons keep their round,  
So shall I in mine be found,  
And at thy will to haste or plod.

I am brave again, my God!  
Though I tread on jagged stone,  
Not an ear shall hear me moan;  
For my feet with will are shod.

I am brave again, my God!  
Nor the battle will I yield,  
But die rather on the field  
Than so crave a coward's clod.

Charlotte Fiske Bates.

Freedom shall come to the race some day,  
Then Truth her own shall claim,  
Then out of the dirt and the miry clay  
The tired feet shall be lifted; some day  
The sky shall change from its hoden gray  
To crimson and gold by the perfect ray  
Of the rising truth aflame.

Truth will appear to the race some day,  
Then Freedom shall claim her own;  
Hearts that are weighted with sorrow to-day  
Shall know the great stones rolled away;  
Joy shall come forth in her shining array,  
Injustice shall vanish forever and aye,  
And Justice be placed on her throne.

Fear shall depart from among us some day  
And Love shall reign in his stead,  
The priests and the statesmen be wiser some day,  
Religions of hatred be dead,  
And bodies weary and hearts that have bled  
With the wrongs of the present be lifted instead,  
While the white wings of peace o'er the people  
are spread,  
When the truth shall have made men free.

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## Love Divine

LOVE till thy leaping pulses faint and fail,  
Till whirling worlds and all the woes thereof  
Fade into nothingness; till sun turns pale,  
Love.

Love to the full height, depth and breadth whereof  
Thy soul is master. Let cheap cynics rail;  
But hold thou still thy rose-red light above

Their envious heads, who have not strength to  
scale  
The sheer steep heights, whereon Love's lovers  
move  
In calm content, for that their hearts inhale  
Love.

Maud Diver, in Light of Reason.

Love, like law, must be sensed to be understood.  
It is the sunshine of existence to those who realize  
it; the vision through which all error is forgiven—  
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"Seeing the realities of things they (awakened men) can find no room anywhere for condemnation. All the operations that obtain upon the earth they see as instruments of the Good Law, even those called evil. All men are essentially divine, though unaware of their divine nature, and all their acts are efforts, even though many of them are dark and impotent, to realize some higher good. All so-called evil is seen to be rooted in ignorance, even those deeds that are called deliberately wicked, so that condemnation ceases, and Love and Compassion (the Christly Way) become all in all."

In oneness with God man is at once and forever endowed with a tremendous power to work; all work becomes a great joy and delight to the freed man, the non-attached man.

"Let it not be supposed that the children of the Kingdom live in ease and indolence (these two sins are the first that have to be eradicated when the search of the Kingdom is entered upon); they live

in peaceful and blissful activity (without any fatigue); in fact, they only truly live, for the life of self with its train of worries, griefs and fears is not real life. They perform all their duties with the most scrupulous diligence, apart from thoughts of self, and employ all their means, as well as powers and faculties which are greatly intensified, in building up the Kingdom of Righteousness in the hearts of others and in the world around them. This is their work—first by example, then by precept. Having sold all that they have (renounced all self-interest in their possessions), they now give to the poor (give of their rich store of wisdom, love and peace to the needy in spirit, the weary and broken-hearted), and follow the Christ whose name is LOVE. And they sorrow no more, but live in perpetual gladness, for though they see suffering in the world, they also see the final Bliss and the Eternal Refuge of Love, to which whosoever is ready may come now, and to which all will come at last."

So, beloved, thou art here to love and help build up the Kingdom of Righteousness, and not for greed and mere selfish pleasures.

You are here to manifest the blessed fruits of the Spirit—"love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, cheerfulness, meekness, temperance, and self-control."

You are here to free yourself from hate, anger, fear, jealousy, envy, greed, caprice, perverseness, anxiety and grief, and by living the life to help others to freedom and joy and bliss.

### About Youth

Among my acquaintances are named women—who look remarkably young for their age—others look remarkably old. It is evident, then, that the years in themselves do not make a certain number of wrinkles or other signs of age.

Old age is caused by a false mental attitude. Youthful thoughts and ways will make us look young.

Women, as a rule, keep their youth better than men. They take more interest in their personal appearance.

There are some who do not desire Youth, either in appearance or reality. Their energies are directed according to a certain old fixed system or rule; their preparations for the future are all for old age and death. And their life is a dreary putting in the time between the cradle and the grave.

We will not say anything against this Ideal. Those who want to cling to it may have it.

But for those who desire Youth, with all its delightful accompaniments of vim, vivacity and health and beauty—whether men or women—the possibility of attainment is no chimera.

Have youthful thoughts first; and then order your actions accordingly.

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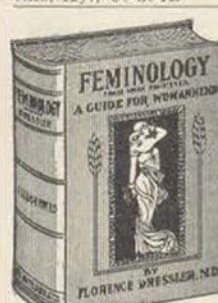


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Progress is eternal. Environment is changing forever, and conditions of existence are dependent upon adjustment to its demands. Harmony with environment is possible only as one keeps pace with its changes, inharmony being a necessary result of inaction and passivity.

Since it is impossible to continue passively in harmony with environment, the motive of self-preservation prompts one to action. One's prevailing condition becomes intolerable, and he seeks to attract more acceptable conditions.

One's willingness to dispense with the old is determined by the relative attractiveness of the new. One is both impelled toward the new and repelled from the old. There is consciousness of comparative discord in the old, while there is hope of comparative harmony in the new.

Why do people forsake the Old Thought and seek the New? Why are they ready to listen to new doctrines? Why are they willing to bear the ridicule or contempt of their family and their friends? Why are families divided in their allegiance to the Old and the New Thought?

The supreme motive of self-preservation lies at the root of these changes. They have become matters of necessity. Environment becomes inharmonious and the individual seeks either escape from it or power to attune it to himself. The Old Thought having failed to satisfy, satisfaction is sought for in the New.

The great majority of the New Thought adherents have become so in order to secure or to retain physical health. During the inception of the movement this was practically the only motive for joining it. At first, the New Thought was confined substantially to a system of therapeutics, whereby the physical was amenable to mental treatment. It has since broadened in scope until it has become an all-inclusive Philosophy of Life.

Old methods had failed, drugs had proven useless, and patients had been "given up" by their physicians. Physical treatments had been found ineffectual. While nothing further was to be gained from the Old, everything might be expected from the New. Under these conditions, new methods were substituted for the old, and the patients recovered.

## L'Envoi

When earth's last picture is painted,  
And the tubes are twisted and dried,  
When the oldest colors have faded,  
And the youngest critic has died,  
We shall rest—and, faith, we shall need it—  
Lie down for an aeon or two,  
Till the Master of All Good Workmen  
Shall set us to work anew.

And those that were good shall be happy;  
They shall sit in a golden chair;  
They shall splash at a ten-league canvas  
With brushes of comet's hair;  
They shall find real saints to draw from—  
Magdalene, Peter and Paul;  
They shall work for an age at a sitting,  
And never get tired at all.

And only the Master shall praise us,  
And only the Master shall blame;  
And no one shall work for money,  
And no one shall work for fame;  
But each for the joy of the working,  
And each in his separate star  
Shall draw the Thing as he sees it  
For the God of Things as they are.

—Rudyard Kipling.

## Music

How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon this bank;  
Here we will sit and let the sounds of music  
Creep in our ears; soft stillness and the night  
Become the touches of sweet harmony.  
Sit, Jessica. Look how the floor of heaven  
Is thick inlaid with patines of bright gold;  
There's not the smallest orb which thou behold'st  
But in his motion like an angel sings,  
Still quiring to the young eyed cherubins.  
Such harmony is in immortal souls;  
But whilst this muddy vesture of decay  
Doth grossly close it in, we cannot hear it.

—Shakespeare.

How small do some of the religions make God's great and grand universe.—**Frank Harrison.**

The words of the Intellect reach the head; those of the Spirit, the soul and heart.

He who writes from the Soul is greater than he who writes from the Head, inasmuch as the Soul is the eternal vesture of the Eternal Spirit, which is the one eternal Simple of the universe.

"A little said and truly said

Can deeper joy impart,  
Than hosts of words that reach the head,  
But never touch the heart."

Truth has neither beginning nor end. You, beloved, are an eternal child of an eternal loving Father; you are to know all Truth, sometime, somewhere; you can begin to enter the radiant Light of Truth this day, this hour, this minute. How? By looking into your own soul, by loving the God within and without, by loving the All, by praying for Light, listening patiently in Holy Calm, and by Obeying the inner self which always says, Live in love and righteousness. Truth has neither beginning nor end. Truth is eternal. You are eternal. You are Truth. Know it. Realize it, and be blessed.

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## Emerson—The Man

William Brunton, in Practical Ideals

THERE is so much written about Emerson that we shall have a full view of him from many sides. There are thousands who have made a loving study of the man and his writings, and who sense how great and good he was, and what a happy influence he has shed abroad. The knowledge of this is a quickening of our desire to be better acquainted with him. Naturally we ask ourselves, What do we know about this gentle soul; what sort of a picture have we of the man in our minds?

It is well to study the portraits we have of him. Much comes to us in this way. We then have the outer reality to help us in our inner vision. The face reveals something of the person. It gives us a cue to the mind. We work from that to the intellectual and moral part of him. We are kept by it to the sweet humanness of the days. We know then we are dealing with a man of the common mould—who at the same time shows us how delightfully uncommon the true man may be—and how much he may do to stimulate others to excellence.

The face of Emerson is pleasing because it is full of kindness. There is a smile that lingers in it full of all good will. The eyes are fascinating and haunting. This would seem to be the mild radiance that belongs to him. And the suggestion of it is a new philosophy of life to make the countenance glad, to look out on life with joy. There is so much in this in the way of conquest of cares and the pacification of unrest. Let pleasure be in the heart and let it gleam like sunshine from the face. Emerson preaches a good word to us in this simple yet important rule of governing the expression of our features.

There is a tendency to make a myth of the man. We cannot very well help that—as love exalts and glorifies the one it loves. We may do this without danger, if we keep before us the picture of the man. It will correct the dream by its affirmation of common kindred.

And it is so pleasant to remember that this man was a New England character, and had the real heartiness and good old-fashioned friendliness of a generation or two ago. This gives us the introduction to his circle, we know he would welcome us in a natural, kindly way—and talk to us as if we were part of his life.

This brings us very near to him. We can visit Concord in the spirit and live over again the days that have passed. Nay, they are not departed; they abide as history, and history keeps as the living inspiration of the hour. I read his life—and then it becomes a part of me and fills me with the power it discloses.

So Emerson can never die. The twenty-one years that have flown since his apparent departure, have only made it clear to us that he is to be with us forever more. One of the world's true men to help in the making of man. He is a spirit presence of manhood. The ideal of him is an appeal to us to find something of the same qualities in ourselves.

And it is good to consider the fact that the wisdom of the man was in the carrying out of the best side of us in simplicity. The life of few wants, of many contents; of few cares and many blessings—this is the thing beautiful in him, and open to us all. We have the like world to walk in, if we will see it; we have the like number of friends to bless us, if we will only prize them and prove faithful to them. It is well worth our while to study such a true man and embody the gentleness, grace, goodness and peace that he showed in his daily walk. To so live and reproduce his merits would be far better than the writing of many books—for life is divine history and celestial poetry.

I have seen Emerson, the first man I have seen—  
*George Eliot.*

## Telepathy

PROFESSOR LOMBROSO contributes to a recent number of the *Archivio di Psichiatria*, of which he is the editor, the two following cases of what he regards as telepathy. M. T. Brusa, aged thirty-seven years, of a very delicate constitution, tuberculous and neuropathic, was about to eat his dinner at Superga, near Turin, in a villa, at which he was working in his capacity as a tailor. It was noon on the 3d of August, 1900, when, all of a sudden, he ceased eating and began to cry, saying, with a most heart-rending expression of countenance, that his mother was dying at Asti (distant about thirty-six miles from Turin), without his having had any previous information that she was indisposed. Nor was there any means of tranquillizing him. He set out for Asti, where he learned that his mother had died of apoplexy at noon on the 3d of August. The deceased herself a few years previously had abruptly quitted her work, in the month of July, 1899, because she saw that her daughter had something the matter with her head and she wanted to go and see her. In fact, she found her daughter had been attacked with erysipelas.

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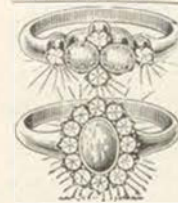


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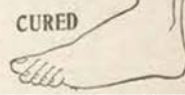
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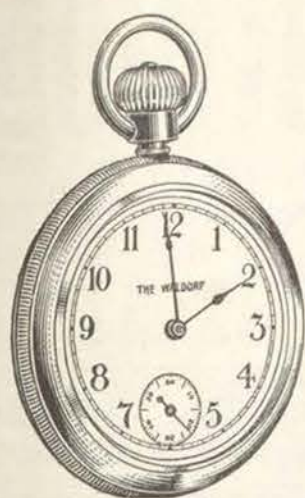
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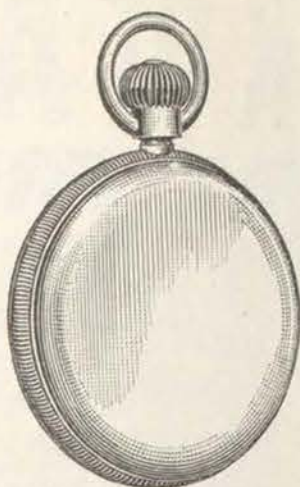
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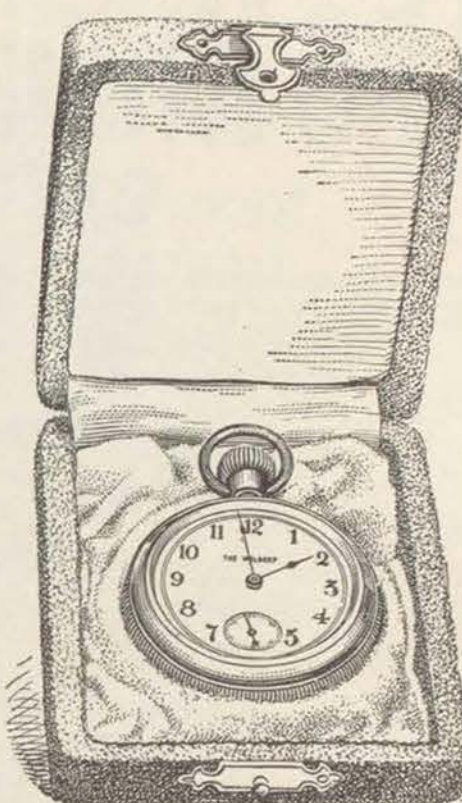
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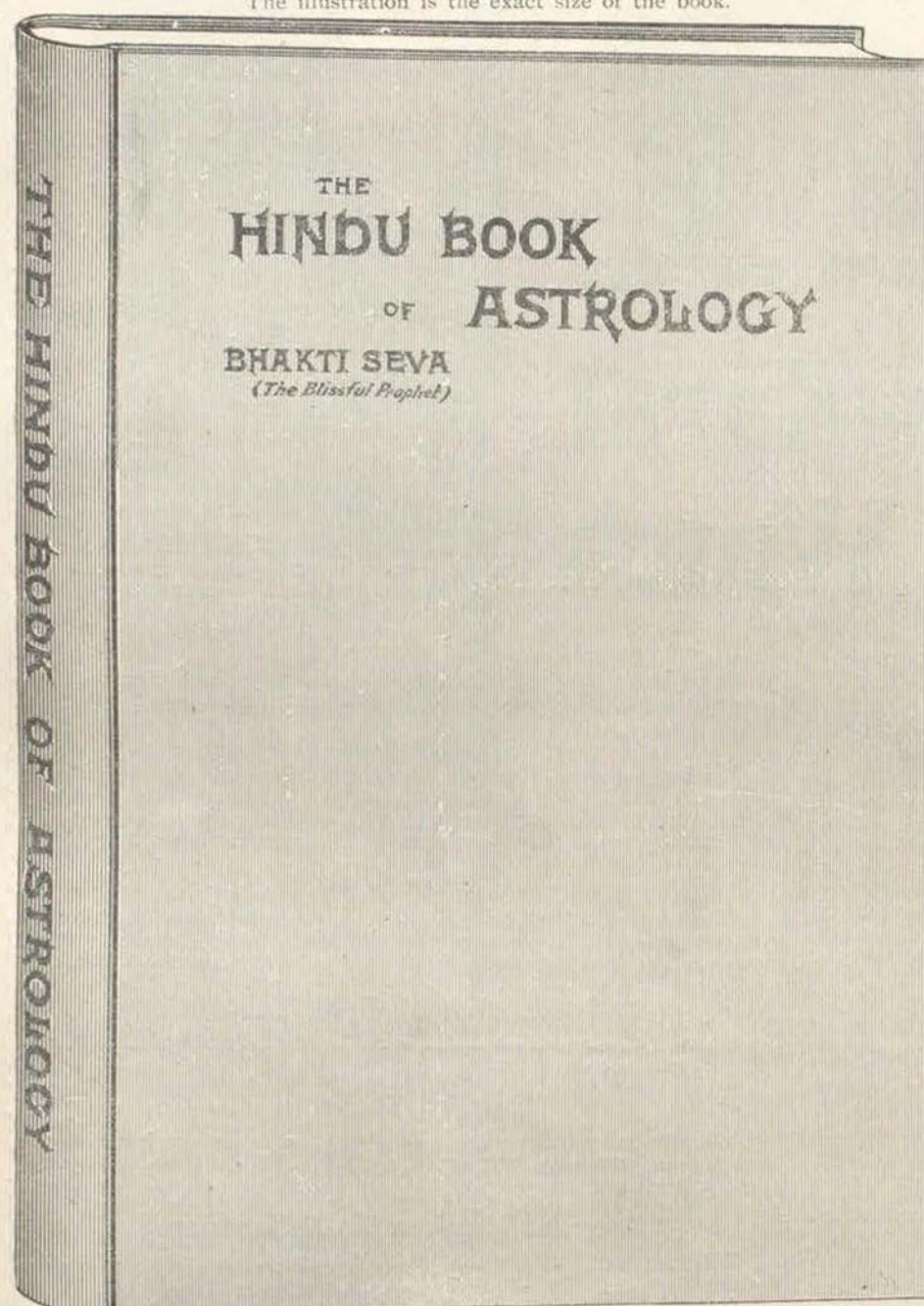
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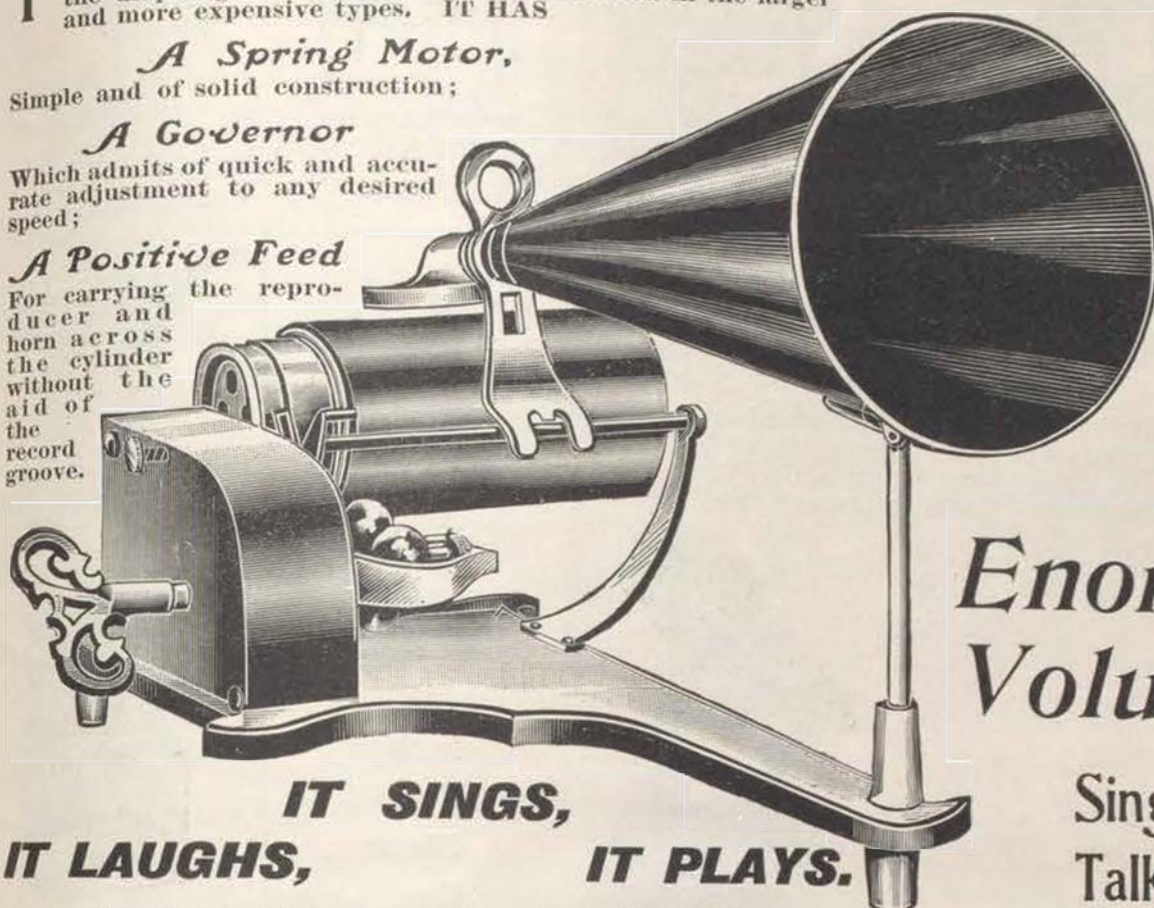
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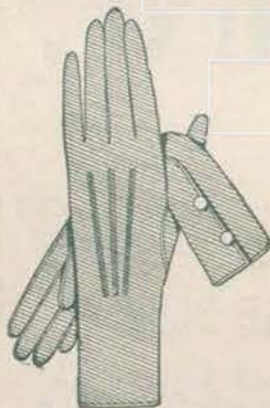
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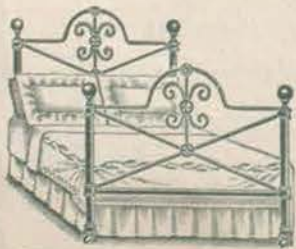
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